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GREECE.

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LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 3—2 P. M.

Dispatches received to-day from Athens bring the intelligence that the Greek Government has announced its determination of declaring war against the Sublime Porte on the 1st of September, should the hostilities against the Christians in the Island of Candia not be ended by that time.

Great military preparations are being made for such a contingency, and orders have been issued calling out the entire reserves of the Kingdom.

FRANCE.

Arrival of the Dunderberg at Cherbourg.

PARIS, Saturday, Aug. 3.

The American iron-clad ram *Dunderberg*, which was purchased by the French Government, after a remarkably quick and successful trip across the Atlantic has reached her destination in safety.

The following telegraphic dispatch announces her arrival in French waters:

CHERBOURG, Saturday, Aug. 3, 1867.

To James W. Buchan & Co., Paris:

The *Dunderberg* has arrived here in fourteen days and seventeen hours from New-York. All on board are well. The vessel is in good condition. Although we had heavy weather and high seas, the ship behaved nobly and proved herself a splendid sea boat.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. WEBB.

Intended Interview Between Napoleon and King William of Prussia.

PARIS, Saturday, Aug. 3.

It is said that arrangements are being made for an interview between the Emperor NAPOLEON and King WILLIAM of Prussia, to take place after the visit of the former to Vienna. The place of the meeting has not yet been designated.

Postponement of Napoleon's Departure for Vienna.

PARIS, Saturday, Aug. 3—Evening.

The departure of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor, for Vienna, has been postponed one week.

Minister Moustier to Accompany the Emperor.

PARIS, Saturday, Aug. 3.

The Emperor NAPOLEON will be accompanied by M. MOUSTIER, his Minister of Foreign Affairs, on his visit to the Emperor of Austria, and will remain three days in the Austrian Capital.

International Exhibitions Conducive to Peace.

PARIS, Saturday, Aug. 3.

The Emperor has received an address from the foreign members of the Imperial Commission of the *Exposition Universelle*, in his reply to which he says: "The hopes for the peace and progress of the whole world spring from such Exhibitions."

HUNGARY.

The Election of Kossuth to the Diet Alarming the Conservatives.

PESTH, Saturday, Aug. 3.

The election of LOUIS KOSSUTH to the Hungarian Diet from Waitzen causes alarm among the members of the Conservative Party of Hungary, who think that the extreme views and powerful prestige of the Ex-President may lead to a disturbance of the existing political agreement with the Emperor of Austria.

ITALY.

Movements of a Fenian Leader.

FLORENCE, Saturday, Aug. 3.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, one of the leaders of the recent Fenian movement in the United States, is now in Naples, where he is reported to be intriguing with the Radical Democrats and men of the party of action in Southern Italy.

FINANCIAL.

FRANKFORT, Saturday, Aug. 3.

United States Bonds closed at 76¼ for the issue of 1862.

BY STEAMSHIP TO JULY 25.

The Inman steamer *City of Baltimore*, Capt. MCGUIGAN, which left Liverpool at 4 P. M. on the 25th, and Queenstown on the 25th of July, arrived at this port yesterday. The *Queen* sailed simultaneously with the *City of Baltimore*. The advices by the *City of Baltimore* have mostly been anticipated. The following is a summary of her unpublished news:

The Empress EUGENIE arrived at Osborne on the 22d of July on a private visit to Queen VICTORIA.

The Sultan quitted England for the Continent on the 23d of July. A damp was thrown over the last few days of his visit by the death of the wife of the Turkish Ambassador in London. Prior to his departure the Sultan sent £2,500 to the Lord Mayor to be distributed among the poor of London, and he also gave £500 to be distributed among the officers on the railway between London and Dover.

The Belgian Volunteers brought their visit to London to a close on the 22d of July, when the great body of them returned to Antwerp on the troopship *Serapis*. Their voyage down the Thames was a perfect ovation. Some of the Belgians were visiting Manchester and other manufacturing towns.

In the House of Commons, during the session of July 26, Mr. BLAKE, in behalf of the O'Donoghue asked if it was true that some of the untried Fenian prisoners detained in Mountjoy Prison, under the *Habeas Corpus* Suspension Act, had been removed to the District Lunatic Asylum.

Lord NAAS, in reply, said that two prisoners had been sent to the Lunatic Asylum, one of whom was undoubtedly insane, but the other was believed to be feigning insanity. In a clearly established case of lunacy the lunatic would be restored to his friends, if he had any.

At a meeting for choice of assignees and proofs of debt under bankruptcy of PETO, BETTS, & CRAMPTON, Mr. LINKLATER, on behalf of the Chatham and Dover Railway, tendered a claim for £6,661,000 against the estate. Objections were raised against the reception of the claim, and it was entered with a note that it was disputed. Sir MORTON PETO was examined. The reception of proofs lasted all the morning.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Sigs. RANCIANI and CURTI interrogated the Government respecting the inspection of the Papal troops by a French General, which they declared to be a flagrant violation of the September Convention, and on the armaments and enlistments which were being made, it was supposed, for the invasion of the States of the Church.

Sig. RATAZZI, in reply, said that he believed the the rumors of armaments were exaggerated, and declared that they were being made by the Romans themselves. He said that those were under a delusion who believed that the Italian Government would tolerate any violation of their engagements. The Roman question must be solved by moral means. Explanations had been, he said, demanded of the French Government as to the reported inspection, and which would be contrary both to the spirit and letter of the Convention, which he would cause to be respected. Sig. RATAZZI denied that any arrangement had been entered into with France for the restitution of Roman deserters, and no representative of France had ever stated that a foreign legion should be regarded as an indirect intervention on the part of France. He believed that the French Government, which desired the execution of the convocation, would not be the first to violate it.

Signor LAPORTO said the Romans had the right to enter their territory and endeavor to obtain freedom for their country.

Signor RATAZZI, in reply, declared that he would always cause the territory subject to another Government to be respected.

The matter then dropped.

In reply to inquiries at the last sitting of the Chamber of Deputies, Signor RATAZZI declared that armaments and enlistments, said to be in preparation for the invasion of the Papal States, were being made by the Romans themselves, and added that the Italian Government would secure the integrity of the Pontifical dominions.

The National Roman Committee have issued a circular to the revolutionists, calling upon them to reserve their energies for the overthrow of the remnant of the Papal Government, and for the annexation of Rome to Italy.

The Representatives of the Papal Court have, on behalf of their several Governments, guaranteed protection to the *regime* of His Holiness, in case certain eventualities should arise.

It is stated in Berlin that the Danish reply to the Prussian dispatch on the subject of guarantees for the protection of Germans in the North Schleswig Districts, to be ceded to Denmark, leaves open a way for mutual direct understanding between the Cabinets of Berlin and Copenhagen. The attitude taken up by the Danish Government in this matter is by no means unfriendly.

A dispatch received in St. Petersburgh, July 24, announces that the peace overtures of the Emir of Bokhara were agreed to on the 11th. In accordance therewith hostilities are not to commence, except in case of extreme necessity; the Emir of Bokhara, on his part, to give orders for the cessation of hostilities. The Envoy from Bokhara has given guarantees that this condition shall be filled.

The mails from the Cape to June 19 state that the Colonial Secretary has made his financial statement, according to which a deficiency of £59,000 was expected for the coming year. This will be nearly covered by an authorized loan of £50,000.

The Government scheme to substitute a single House for the present two Houses of Parliament has been withdrawn.

The war between the Free State and the Basutos has been brought to a close.

It was reported by the steamship *Saxon*, that arrived at Table Bay from the Eastern route, previous to the departure of the mail, that there was every probability of Dr. LIVINGSTONE being still alive.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The African Slave Trade—What England has done to suppress it.

From the London Herald, July 24.

Lord STANLEY tells us that, at a not distant time, it is possible that the African squadron may be withdrawn. We entirely agree with him. The reasons for its existence are diminishing. The old jargon about its value as a school of naval practice is thoroughly obsolete. It never yet obstructed the middle passage so far as to make the slave trade perilous, and there is reason in Lord STANLEY's argument that if the squadron answered its purpose, we should not be paying £25,000 every July for bounties. But all this is far from implying that England should cease her interest in or hatred against the slave trade. Our object, for the future, must be to blockade the markets of this scandalous commerce. Practically, we have hitherto failed. We have overhauled islets and shoals and interjacent seas; we have commissioned ten-gun brigs and spirited commanders; we have employed practiced seamanship, and darkened the path of the devil's bark with seizures, and yet have we succeeded in shutting up the outlets of the trade? If not, we have done little. Nevertheless, whether the credit be due to our African squadron or not, we have generally cut it off from the highways of the ocean. That can hardly be denied, even by Spanish Commodores. No doubt we are helpless in the domestic parts of Africa. We can no more deal with the slave-dealers there than with the hippopotami and crocodiles of their rivers; the chief importance, in the way of our munificence in this respect, would seem to be that we have promulgated a law for the civilized world, the infraction of which we are determined to punish and capable of punishing. We may quit for an hour the ways of gain—we may abandon for a Summer the marvels of geography; if we are to do such doings, in other senses, a service to mankind, the estimates of Monday night should have passed unchallenged. But this is the very doubt which arises. With Lord STANLEY, we think the immediate, sudden and wholesale withdrawal of the squadron might imply the renunciation of a policy; with him also, however, we look forward to the time when such a renunciation may be practicable. We have never yet commanded—we never can command—that coast; we shall always fail, so long as there are persons who buy, in coercing the people willing to be sold. It is awkward in such matters to tell the truth. The fact is, however, though no members of Parliament would refer to it on Monday evening, that to this day a large proportion of the slaves brought down to the coast are sold by themselves or their kinsfolk. The African squadron does, or can do, nothing whatever for them. They sell slaves or others seek fortune. But the markets of servitude are dwindling. The prosperity of Zanzibar is falling off; and what solid circumstances are there now to interfere with Lord STANLEY's conviction that, sooner or later, we must give up this ostentatious flotilla? Circumstances we are bound to bear in mind, have changed. There was a time when, if we were to have a policy in the matter at all, we were compelled to continue an armed opposition to the slave trade. It is curious to notice how, session after session, the opinions of Parliament upon the subject have varied. The most severe economists have argued in support of the squadron; the most liberal tax-raisers have condemned it. It has been not less frequently upheld than repudiated from the points of view of philanthropy, prudence and wisdom.

But if we are asked how all this debate has ended, what is the actual state of opinion, and how Parliament should be called upon to deal with the difficulty, nothing seems more conclusive than the statement of the Foreign Secretary. We have not quite done with the subject yet; we may have very little to do, in connection with it, with Brazil or with Cuba, and nothing with the United States; but the constant problem is, whether we are not paying more for our humanity than it is worth. We sacrifice to the rainy season off the western shores of the African continent. Yet our officers report, even now, an enormous and scarcely-diminished trade. We have legal powers south of the line which are recognised by all the world; we employ three thousand men, on an average, upon the work; we wage and victual for the duty full crews which never return to England intact and, with wear and tear to hulls, masts, yards, riggings, stores and machinery, besides the consumption of coals, we expend upon the service about a million sterling a year. The charge for bounties, therefore, appears comparatively trifling. It is not much in excess of that for mixed commissions. And in order to reflect upon the matter fairly we should not lose sight of two general considerations. To begin with, and not to insist upon any foregone conclusion, has the squadron been a failure? To go on, is its cost more than its worth? We must not look to the slave traffic only; the diminution of that implies an equivalent protection to legitimate commerce and our West India colonies. The Admiralty tables demonstrate this beyond dispute; and also that the profits are diminishing; that the artificially enhanced prices are giving way; that the supply is falling off; that the demand is not what it used to be; and that the absorption of human victims is not increasing year by year. The question we have to ask of ourselves is whether this African squadron—concerning which, each July or August, we hear so much in Parliament—is worth, morally or financially, the amount it costs.

FRANCE AND MEXICO.

The Reported Correspondence Between Maximilian and Napoleon.

Paris (July 23) Correspondence of the London Herald.

We are likely to hear a good deal for some time to come about the correspondence which the Emperor MAXIMILIAN is said to have sent to Europe. The current reports that the letters which have passed between the unfortunate Archduke and the Emperor of the French have been transmitted for publication, either to M. LOUIS BLANC or to His Royal Highness the Duke D'AUMALE, may be set down as a *canard;* but there is reason to believe that, whatever may have become of the originals, a duplicate of these important letters is in the hands of Count DE BOMBELLES. It is highly desirable that they should be published without loss of time, as very apocryphal versions of some of these letters are in circulation, the tenor of which delights all Parisian Anti-Imperialist circles, and, unless the authentic correspondence be speedily published, the fictitious letters are likely to be accepted as real. Among the documents which Anti-Imperialists are gloating over is a letter addressed to MAXIMILIAN to induce him to leave Miramar at a time when his heart misgave him as to the probabilities of success of the venture. This epistle, which is ascribed to the Emperor NAPOLEON, bears obvious marks of being a forgery, but it is not the less appreciated on that account. His Majesty is made to say to the Archduke that, after having committed both himself and the French Government by his acceptance of the throne tendered him by a deputation received at Miramar, he cannot stultify himself by backing out, and leaving the French Government in the lurch. What would the Archduke think (the letter goes on to say) if after he had gone to Mexico, France, owing to internal difficulties or foreign complications, were to withdraw her support, in defiance of her engagements to the contrary? This document is precisely of that kind which it is very easy for a clever man to write, after the late events, with a view to increase the share of responsibility devolving on the French Government. But such a malicious invention would never have been resorted to if there had not been so much mystery, and withholding of what, in parliamentary language, may be described as "the papers on the subject." The effect of these sham documents is not to be destroyed by a mere curt denial of their existence in the *Moniteur*. Count DE BOMBELLES (an Austrian subject) has only to come forward and declare that when the documents he holds are published it will be found that all the versions which have been current are malignant fabrications, and the public will, or at least ought to be satisfied; but if some step of the sort be not taken the apocryphal Maximilian correspondence is likely to make no little noise.

Responsibility of Napoleon—Juarez Unable to Spare Maximilian.

Paris (July 21) Correspondence of the London Times.

The last number of the *Revue Contemporaine* contains a very remarkable paper on the Mexican Expedition, from the pen of M. DE KERATRY. The writer was an officer in the French guerrilla corps organized in Mexico by Lieut.-Col. DUPIN, and about a year ago published the result of his guerrilla experiences in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, sketching in a racy and vivid manner the peculiarly ferocious nature of the conflict between the invaders and the invaded. In the article now published he points out very forcibly the want of good faith which marked the outset of the operations; the bungling and unnecessary delay which led to the besieging of Puebla, which would have fallen without a siege had the French rapidly pushed on to Mexico; and the utter want of support of the new *régime* on the part of the native population. M. DE KERATRY also makes known some of the atrocities committed by MARQUEZ and MIRAMON, and emphatically clears up the difficulties MAXIMILIAN, even with the aid of the French, had to contend with. He then adds:

"We must confess that our Government was guilty of a breach of faith in withdrawing its troops all at once, and before the period originally fixed, in consequence of the threats of the United States. MAXIMILIAN was thus suddenly left virtually disarmed. Our Government committed one great mistake in promising the continuance of its intervention, which was to have ceased when Mexico was occupied; it committed another fault in not keeping its word. Marshal BAZAINE would have deserved the thanks of Europe if he had taken the responsibility of using force, and sending the unfortunate Emperor home in spite of himself. JUAREZ and Europe would thus have been spared a lamentable catastrophe, the horror of which silences the voice of reason. On the 19th of June, on the Cerro which hangs over Queretaro, MAXIMILIAN fell under Mexican bullets, together with MIRAMON, a former President of the Republic, and MEJIA, the only Mexican General, up to this time, who has died faithful to his party. * * By this execution JUAREZ has lost a great opportunity of clemency, which would have won him the regard of Europe, *but it must be borne in mind that this act of clemency would not have saved Maximilian's life, and would have jeopardised his own.* No one who knows Mexico and the passions of that country, wrought to their present pitch of paroxysm, can entertain a doubt of that."

The Catholic Church and the Death of Maximilian.

From the Journal des Débats, July 20.

The Pope wept when he learned of the tragic fate of MAXIMILIAN, and caused masses to be chaunted for the repose of his soul. We cannot doubt but that the tears and prayers were sincere, but we believe that his Holiness mourned for a sinner rather than for a victim. The Church has not forgiven the Emperor of her own making for having deceived her fondest hopes. She had deputed MAXIMILIAN to a lost country, there to reëstablish theocracy; and when the unfortunate Prince saw the elements which he was compelled to use in the reconstruction of the throne and the altar, he shrunk back dismayed. As was said to him, he had contracted in Italy the disease of Liberalism; in Austria he had sown the seeds of "Josephism," and in France and in Belgium he had become acquainted with the Civil Code. After that nothing could be expected of him. The rupture with the Church was immediate and violent. We remember the remonstrance of the Bishops and the censure of Rome. It was but yesterday we read the sharp reply that MAXIMILIAN addressed to the Mexican Bishops, when he spoke as follows:

"You must admit, venerable prelates, that the Mexican Church, by a deplorable fatality, has meddled too much with politics and temporal affairs, and neglected too persistently the Catholic education of her children. It is true that the Mexicans are pious and good, but the larger portion of the people are not yet Catholics in an evangelical sense. This is not owing to its own faults, but to the negligence of others. The Mexicans must be enlightened, the sacrament must be administered to them, as it is ordained in the Evangelists, gratuitously. You may doubt, if you will, the sincerity of my faith in the Catholic religion, but all Europe has long known my opinions. Still, however good a Catholic I may be, I shall also be a just and liberal Prince."

This assertion embodied the Archduke's sentence. The modern Church does not recognize it possible for a man to be both Catholic and Liberal; nothing can be in more direct opposition to the spirit of its *syllabus*. In the eyes of the Church MAXIMILIAN has paid the penalty of his errors, and his death is but an atonement of his treachery. Good and merciful and humane, pious and charitable though a man may be—and Pope PIUS IX. is really pious and charitable—a doctrine is pitiless. Laws, and not men, are alone to be accused and held responsible.

The French Opposition and the Emperor's Mexican Policy.

From the London Times, July 22.

The Emperor NAPOLEON has bestowed upon his Minister of State, M. ROUHER, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor set in diamonds, as an acknowledgment of the eminent services rendered by that statesman to his country, and as a new proof of the confidence and esteem of his Imperial master. We know not what actual value a Frenchman would be apt to set upon that glittering distinction, but we are inclined to believe that never was there a more honorable fee given to an advocate, and we are sure it was never better deserved. Without, however, in the least detracting from the signal merits of M. ROUHER, as the mouthpiece of the Emperor's Cabinet, it would be difficult to deny that the success of the defence was owing to the blind violence of the attack, and that the position of the Imperial Government *owes much of its strength to the factious character of the parties arrayed against it.* There was, in our opinion, gross injustice in M. JULES FAVRE's assertion that *the blood of the Emperor Maximilian would inflict a stain either on France or her ruler.* The Emperor NAPOLEON withdrew from Mexico before a *force majeure*. Had he insisted upon supporting the Imperial throne across the Atlantic against all the might of the restored American Union, both he and France might have perished in the endeavor, but the fate of MAXIMILIAN of Austria could not thereby have been averted. It was certainly not France's fault if a sense of honor, to which the world has done full justice, prompted the unfortunate monarch to cast in his lot with that of his followers, who could not or would not join him in his retreat. Ample opportunity of escape was afforded by the French, before they embarked, to all those who had irreparably committed themselves to the Emperor's cause. In dealing with the firm resolution of MAXIMILIAN, no course was left open to Marshal BAZAINE than that of saving the Emperor in spite of himself, and a report, indeed, spread that he had been put under arrest by the French Marshal's orders. Short of this extreme measure, the mere mention of which convulsed the world with indignation, there was nothing that the officers of the French army could do *except to allow a willful man to have his way.* For anything that occurred after the Emperor NAPOLEON had acknowledged the failure of his Mexican expedition and recalled his army he is decidedly not responsible.

M. THIERS, however, concerned himself less with the melancholy upshot of that enterprise than with its original conception as undertaken and continued for several years "without the approval of any one in France." It was on this ground that he was met with the greatest emphasis by the Emperor's advocate; it was here that the nature of the personal Government established in France since 1850 was put to the test, and that the indictment was, with but little reserve or ceremony, brought against the Chief of State himself. That the scheme of a Mexican Empire sprung altogether from the Emperor NAPOLEON's brain, is a fact about which few men can entertain any doubt; and it is equally evident that the peculiar character of the Constitution of the Empire enabled him to carry his project into effect without the timely knowledge or the hearty consent of the French nation. It is easy for M. ROUHER to hold a strictly Constitutional language, for France has, doubtless, a deliberative Assembly, elected by direct popular suffrage to which, as keeper of the public purse, all matters relating to peace or war must be ultimately referred. No doubt the present system in France did not originally arise, and could not at this present moment exist without the cooperation and, as it were, the complicity of the people. Theoretically, every man in the Legislative Body speaks and votes as freely and conscientiously as MM. THIERS and JULES FAVRE, and the most uncompromising Imperialists must be taken as no less fair and honest representatives of their respective constituencies than the most fiery Republicans or the most arrant Legitimists. The Government of a brave and enlightened country must always be looked upon as the last expression of the national will, and the leaders of an Opposition who know not how to make the best of the elements of legal resistance placed within their reach are but clumsy workmen quarrelling with their tools. The Legislative Body may be a packed assembly, and the elections may be swayed by the undue pressure of the Executive; opposition may be up-hill work, but it need not be hopeless, unless we are to believe that Imperialism has the real support of the mass of the people, so that in the alternative between it and any other form of government the result of the public vote would always have been the same as it has been since 1850. For his own sake and for that of his dynasty we, indeed, think that the Emperor NAPOLEON ought to rid himself of at least part of the responsibility which personal government throws upon him. But the experiment of a Government grounded on the "control of a Chamber and an impeachable Ministry" has repeatedly been made in France, and the result has in all instances been a violent revolution. It may be melancholy to think that the French nation prefers a "quiet servitude to a stormy liberty;" but it is impossible to deny that Imperialism under the Third NAPOLEON has already had a longer duration than any other form of government contrived since the first outbreak of 1789.

As to Mexico, there is no doubt the expedition was the Emperor's own blunder. We very seriously question, however, *whether it was at first at supposed or as ill success made it at its termination.* The prospect of a restored ascendancy of the Latin races in the New World was not without its spell upon French imagination; and, after all, it must not be forgotten "that France is the only country that makes war for an idea." Symptoms of more pacific utilitarian instincts have been developing themselves in France of late, and the Emperor may be remiss in not sufficiently taking them into account; but, at all events, it is not M. THIERS who has a right to charge the present Government with its warlike tendencies, for he tells us that "the Mexican imbroglio has hampered the attitude of France toward the great revolution accomplished in Germany." If it were indeed true that the absence of a few French divisions in Mexico prevented the outbreak of a war between France and Germany in the Summer of last year, we are inclined to think that the £24,000,000 absorbed by that ill-fated expedition have been profitably spent. The motion of a regeneration of the Latin races across the Atlantic by the means of an Empire founded on foreign bayonets may have been chimerical, but that of a mortal duel between the French and the German races in Europe, *for the purpose of depriving Germany of those blessings of unity which France has enjoyed for centuries,* would have been no less unsound, even had it been more practical and less fraught with terrible consequences.

A Prophecy of Maximilian's Fate.

From Le Phare de la Loire.

An Italian correspondent sends to the *Phare de la Loire* a copy of verses which was found posted on Pasquino's statue at the time of the unfortunate MAXIMILIAN's visit to Rome on his way to MEXICO, in 1864:

"Massimiliano—non ti fidare
Torna sollecito—a Miramare.
Il trono fradicio—dei Montezuma
E nappo Francese—colmo di spuma.
Il timeo Danaos—chi non recorda
Sotto la clamide—trova la corda."

Anglice:

"MAXIMILIAN, beware; hurry back to Miramar. The rotten throne of the Montezumas is a French goblet filled with froth. He who forgets the *timeo Danaos* beneath the purple will find the halter."

FRANCE.

The War Feeling in France—Resentment Against Prussia.

From the Paris Pays.

The *Patrie* repeats with additional emphasis its contradiction of the report that the Marquis DE MOUSTIER has lately sent a very sharp diplomatic note to Berlin. This journal says not only that no such note exists, but that the relations between France and Prussia are most satisfactory. Now, it may be true that the dispatch of the diplomatic note in question has been delayed; we will even admit, for the sake of argument, that the draft note may have never got beyond the stage of a project, and in this point of view we attach but a secondary importance both to the original news and the contradiction. But that the relations between France and Prussia are cordial and satisfactory appears to us a most difficult proposition to accept. The attitude of the Prussian Government toward France, the acrimonious tone of its semi-official journals, the extensive armaments and accumulation of warlike stores openly made, the diplomatic intrigues going on to counteract French influence in Austria and Italy, and to prevent the projected alliance with Austria, and M. DE BISMARCK's constant language are all inconsistent with the existence of cordial relations. It could not be otherwise unless it could be shown from recent diplomatic facts that M. DE BISMARCK is ready to satisfy the just susceptibilities of the French Government provoked by the non-execution of Article 5 of the Treaty of Prague, and also by the attempts under the guise of providing for commercial interests, to complete the political absorption of Southern Germany. We are not aware that M. DE BISMARCK has done anything of the sort. On the contrary, his most recent acts—the revision of the postal treaties and the financial unification of the annexed States—clearly show that he steadily pursues his aim, and is pushing to the realization of his ambitious views, regardless of consequences as they affect others, and thinking only how to be ready for them himself. Under these circumstances, to affirm that diplomatic relations are satisfactory is to trifle with public opinion. That it may be possible to avert war is an admissible hypothesis, though we can find nothing to support it. The foreign journals abound in a contrary sense, and speak on the subject with a frankness and a luxury of detail to which we cannot shut our eyes. For instance, the Brussels *Gazette* says that in Russia, under the pretext of military manœuvres, a real council of war is now being held between the staff of the Russian and Prussian armies, with the Czar presiding. A plan of campaign is under consideration on the double hypothesis of a war between France and Germany only, and a war in which Russia and Prussia would be on the one side, and France, Austria, Italy, and possibly Sweden and the Ottoman Empire on the other. Russia inclines to a postponement; but Prussia is for beginning directly, and urges in support of her opinion that the Austrian Empire is in a state of disorganization, that the French armies are yet relatively weak, and that Italy is hesitating and not to be relied on by France. Moreover, the Prussian journals speak of war as if it were not merely a probability, but a certainty, on which the mind of the Cabinet of Berlin is made up. The Prussification of the armies of the South, far from being relaxed, is urged on with daily increasing haste. With such symptoms before us, the *Patrie* has a singularly deranged vision when it talks of cordial relations.

The Problem for France.

From the Liberté.

France anxiously asks how her Government will get out of the difficulties which it has sown in its path, and which have borne abundant fruit. France asks how it will avert the threatening war, and how, if it does not avert it, it will avert the coalition which it would be madness not to foresee? France asks, further, how it will put an end to the "strikes" of capital which has ruled for an unprecedented time, as is shown by the Bank of France returns, which are now worse than those of the time formerly branded as "the disastrous days of 1851."

The Proposed Visit of the Emperor of Austria to Paris.

Vienna (July 18) Correspondence of the Liberté.

The majority of the German and foreign papers like ourselves, quite recently expressed doubts of seeing the Emperor of Austria go to Paris; some even declared that the journey was definitively abandoned. If those doubts were well grounded then, they must completely disappear now. We learn that the approaching journey of the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH to Paris is decidedly settled. The exact day is not yet known on which the sovereign of Austria will quit his capital for Paris, where he will no doubt be the object of the most enthusiastic manifestations, as well as his Prime Minister. It is known, however, that the departure will certainly take place in the course of August, after the Sultan, whose arrival is expected at the end of this month, has left us. Those who believed that the Mexican catastrophe and the cruel misfortunes with which the House of Hapsburg has been successively visited would constitute a serious obstacle to the Paris journey of the Austrian monarch, were greatly mistaken. Baron BEUST does not follow a policy of sentiment.

Individual Liberty in France.

From the Paris Correspondence of the London Daily News.

When you happen to be in a crowd in Paris, if men in plain clothes venture to arrest you, you must not attempt to resist them. M. GERMAIN CASSE, a well-known contributor to various newspapers published in the Quartier Latin, was among the crowd congregated on the Boulevards on the 6th of June, to see the Emperor of Russia go to the Opera. He shouted "*Vive la Pologne,*" and was immediately set upon by half-a-dozen policemen in plain clothes, who arrested him. He resisted, used his fists and feet, but had to succumb under the weight of numbers; and bruised, tattered, and beaten, was dragged off to prison. He was kept in jail preventively for 25 days, and on Friday was brought up for trial. He was not charged with uttering seditious cries, the public prosecutor having arrived at the conclusion that "*Vive la Pologne*" was not seditious, but arraigned on the count of "rebellion against policemen." He plead that as they were in plain clothes he could not know they were policemen; but the Court held that as he had been compromised in political disturbances before, he must have known them. I have no sympathy whatever with these noisy brawlers, but it must be admitted that M. CASSE has been very harshly dealt with. For a man who has committed no offence whatever to be imprisoned preventively for upward of a month, and then doomed to further incarceration for three months for simply resisting the efforts of men in plain clothes to collar him, is a curious illustration of that liberty which we are assured, on high authority, prevails in France to such an extent as to amount to license. Another instance of the respect paid to individual liberty is mentioned by the papers. A. M. GODARD was at dinner with his wife and children the other day, when several policemen entered his house, and walked him off to prison in spite of his protests. He was kept in durance vile for 24 hours, and released, it turning out that it was another person of the same name that was "wanted." But you will say, surely he can prosecute the Prefect of Police for false imprisonment? He can do so certainly, but as he must first obtain the permission of the Council of State, and as the Council of State has never been known to grant such permission, if he be a wise man he will not waste time and money in a hopeless attempt to obtain redress.

GERMANY.

Terrible Accident in a Coal Mine in Saxony.

The Newton (Mass.) *Journal* publishes the following letter containing a full account of a recent coal mine accident which occurred within thirty-five miles of the City of Freiberg, in Saxony. The writer says:

"An unusual and most terrible accident—if the result of such carelessness as is charged upon the managers of the mine deserves the name of accident—has just occurred in the little Saxon village of Lugan. I have not been able to visit the spot in person, but will give as connected an account as I can from the best sources of information within my reach.

For a considerable time past the shaft of the coal mine, the 'Neue Fundgnube,' has been considered, by some at least, unsafe, but no steps were taken toward repairing it. A week ago Monday morning (July 15th) the workmen upon going under ground thought they noticed fresh signs of weakness, and wanted to return, but were not allowed to do so by the captain of the gang. He did not share their fears at all, but nevertheless ordered three carpenters to go up and make an inspection of the suspected spot, and begin any repairs that might be necessary. But it was too late. Just as the three men reached the place the shaft-timbering gave way, and masses of rock, earth and timbering fell thundering into the mine. These three men succeeded with great difficulty in escaping with their lives. But their comrades, more than a hundred in number, the above-mentioned captain included, were shut off at a depth of 1,600 feet from all communication with the surfaces. Constant efforts have been made to reach the lower mine, but so far all have been fruitless, and there now remains scarcely any hope that the unfortunate miners are still alive. By the falling in of the shaft all circulation of air was stopped, and there was no escape for the poisonous gases which are so apt to collect in a coal mine. The miners were exposed to a temperature of from 90° to 100° or more, and were very likely suffocated within the first few hours after the accident. Hopes were entertained at first of being able to break through the mass by dropping heavy weights from the mouth of the shaft. The principal break was at a depth of about 250 feet from the top, and the broken mass hung in the shaft at a depth of 720 feet. Ropes were let tall this distance and gave at first promise of success.

A passage was forced through sufficient to restore a circulation of air, and measures were taken to let down provisions for the men. It was impossible for any person to descend, of course, and other plans were proposed, but all was of no use. The first great breaking in was followed by others on the same day and the day after; the circulation of air was again stopped. Boring-machines were then set in operation, but as yet with equally unsuccessful results. Forty-four of the men were married and have 127 children. The Superintendent of the mine was immediately taken in charge by the Police, partly to protect him from the fury of the populace, and partly because an investigation is about to be held, even if it has not already commenced. It seems that necessary repairs were neglected from want of funds, and perhaps also because the Superintendent and the gang-captain were to receive a small bonus on each bushel of coal the mine could be made to yield above a certain quantity. This accident has excited the liveliest feelings of compassion in the whole community. It was not thought possible that such a thing could happen in Saxony, where the mines are in general so carefully managed. But in this case there was but one shaft for ingress and egress, and it would be impossible to run a gallery through from the neighboring mines in less than a fortnight."

Fire in Humberstone, Canada.

PORT COLBORNE, Saturday, Aug. 3.

The saw and flour mills in Humberstone, belonging to SWAN & Co., were burned last night. The loss is $20,000, with an insurance of $10,000 in four American companies. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the machinery heating in the upper story.

The Pan-Handle Railroad.

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Sunday, Aug. 4.

The new time table on the Pan-Handle Railroad went into effect to-day. A train will hereafter leave this city at 7 o'clock in the evening and arrive in Cincinnati at 10 o'clock the next morning.

Man Drowned at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sunday, Aug. 4.

CHARLES DE GENHARD, a musician, was accidentally drowned while fishing in the Niagara River, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

A Baltimorean Killed near Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., Sunday, Aug. 4.

WM. P. BAILEY, of Baltimore, was run over and killed on the Petersburgh Railroad last night.

Aid for the Cretans—Letter from Dr. Howe.

Dr. S. G. HOWE writes from Athens to the Greek Relief Committee in Boston, under date of July 6:

"I took every possible precaution to prevent the provisions and clothing falling into the wrong hands, and finally sent off my cargo by the *Arcadian*. I have the satisfaction of knowing that it arrived safely and was transported beyond the reach of the Turks. I now await the report of the agent as to his success in preventing the Greek soldiers from getting any of the supplies. If these reach the families, who are now sadly suffering in the mountains, I shall attempt another expedition.

I have thus far proceeded very slowly and cautiously, because in the first place the funds of the other committee are not quite exhausted; in the next place because of the evils and abuses almost necessarily arising from the haste with which these committees went to work, and which I hope to avoid, perhaps in part to correct. For instance, they merely gave out forty lepta a day and twenty to children, in cash, and lost them idle. The consequence was they looked upon the daily dole as their due, and idleness their necessity. It was easy to see demoralization creeping in among them.

I have organized a system of work for the women and girls, and nearly four hundred are busily now employed at knitting. We supply the thread and yarn, and pay them one drachma (about seventeen cents) a pair for work. The yarn costs fifty leptas (half a drachma) a pair, so that our socks cost one and a half drachmas. We sell them at this price now, so that our loss is only the small one of commission to sellers, &c. Next week we begin with sewing. I hope to have one thousand women at work within two weeks, and this you will see readily will be a great gain morally. But I shall make a detailed report. We are relieved from our anxiety about the *Arcadian*.

The pressure of want, if not famine, is growing tighter and tighter. It will be terrible if intervention does not enforce an armistice within four months. I am going to try to get down to Crete in the Austrian steamer, and to see things a little nearer; although I have been made understood that I shall not be allowed to land at the fortresses.

Take all you hear about Turkish victories and Turkish defeats with much caution. The Turks cannot gain great victories because the Greeks do not resist in masses; and because no section of country is necessary to the success of the revolt. The Turks may even carry Sphakia but they cannot hold it. On the other hand, although in every fight the Turks lose ten men to one lost by the Greeks, they can afford it. Intervention, or lack of food and ammunition by the Greeks, seem to be the only probable means of putting an end to the struggle. Meantime the Cretans do resist and fight more resolutely than even I supposed they would."

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INSTRUCTION.

Addresses by Dr. Miner, President Walker and Others—Election of Officers—Reports from the Several States—Final Adjournment.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

BOSTON, Friday, Aug. 2, 1867.

The Institute was opened with prayer this morning by Dr. A. A. MINER, President of Tuft's College, Rev. B. G. NORTHRUP, of Connecticut, one of the Vice-Presidents, in the chair.

The first subject for discussion was "Right-mindedness, favorable to Intellectual Growth."

Dr. MINER introduced the discussion. Among the problems of education which every successive generation must resolve for itself, practically as well as theoretically, there are not a few which are palpable and pertaining to outward and material things, and which are therefore readily resolved, and in regard to which a community of opinion and practice early prevailed. There are other problems more abstruse, some of which pertain to the human mind itself. It is generally conceded among educators that problems which relate exclusively to the human mind are much more difficult as well as more important.

By right-mindedness he meant more than a uniform and harmonious development of the various powers of man; and something aside also from what is commonly called singleness of purpose; he meant that condition of the whole mind, not only in its ambition and aim, but in its very mood and spirit, which shall enable it to come properly to the study of whatever subject it enters upon. It is only in proportion as this kind of right-mindedness exists that intellectual growth can be attained at all.

The condition of the human conscience also exerts a great influence upon the mind; not the sinning nor the condemning conscience alone, but the morbid conscience may disturb the reason itself. A tendency to see everything in a ludicrous light is also an obstacle to right-mindedness. In inciting pupils to study it was a matter of importance whether a spirit of emulation is encouraged or not. The sympathy in other words, whether our pupils should be mere emulators of others or lovers of wisdom. It was of vast moment that from the beginning to the end of a pupil's career, there should be cultivated a genuine love of learning, for its own sake. The custom of awarding prizes and medals he was not quite ready to condemn in all cases. But

The State Ledger, Monday Morning, August 3, 1867.

DISINFECTION.

Fire, air, earth and water are natural disinfectants. They have other uses, however, and we owe to them the most of what we enjoy. In this state they are not likely to become protected. In tropical countries, Notwithstanding the comparative youth of this branch of science, its results have been wonderful. Pure, healthful and abundant water is the not only nectar but ambrosia of these favored countries. Nothing else is necessary to make them healthful, they have other uses, however, and we should be glad to go and give place to the same unlimited amount that is waiting to enter, but it is tainted and poisoned. It would be glad to go and give place to the same unlimited amount that is waiting to enter, but it is tainted with decaying vegetable matter. Every thing that decays in the open air, or in the dark, is a source of disease. Some of the most deadly poisons are the product of decay. Some experiments made by Dr. C. F. Chandler, of this City, prove that chlorine has a wonderful faculty of destroying the poison. Chlorine is indigenous only in certain localities, but is found in small quantities in the air of all large towns. It is produced by the decomposition of salt, and is also found in the gases which escape from gas works

months at most to a figure considerably above the consumption.

In addition to this we must include the production of new wells going down, and of those which, under the new impetus, will be sunk. Oil-producers are a venturesome class of operators, and, though the chances of making a great success in the sinking of wells are much less than generally supposed by those who have never personally and practically followed this class of investment, still there are numbers of experienced oil men who stand ready to sink one or two more holes each when the prospect for an advance in the price of the commodity is apparent.

As for oil territory, the Counties of Venango, Crawford and Warren, in northwestern Pennsylvania, can supply the world with the article in question, to the extent it may be needed for illuminating purposes, for many years to come. The great "belt" running across these three counties in a general northeast and southwest direction, as tapped at various intervals, has given indubitable evidence that miles and miles of oil territory yet remain undeveloped—its hidden treasures yet but scarce imagined, and only awaiting the incentive of increased prices to induce the energetic "men of oil" to bring them forth to the marts of the whole world.

It follows then, as the production is greater and will remain greater than the consumption, that the hope of the producer must be in some new use for his yield—and we have it. The recent experiments, made under the auspices of the Naval Department, have fully demonstrated the practicability of its use as fuel; the rude and mechanically imperfect methods of using it as fuel in the stationary engines on Oil Creek, by the producers themselves for nearly 18 months past, have proven it, and there is not the slightest doubt that the problem of this the latest production of nature's laboratory is solved. The great *desideratum* of the oil producer is thus revealed, and thus only can the consumption be increased above the production and the business be made profitable to our whole country. Can anyone doubt that the time is not far distant when our steamers on the ocean and our railroads across our plains will all be propelled by steam power generated with petroleum as fuel?

PRODUCER.

The Russian-American Telegraph Enterprise—Character of the Country.

The following letter in relation to the Russian-American Telegraph enterprise, is published in the Springfield (Ill.) *Journal*:

LOCKPORT, N. Y., July, 21, 1867.

To His Excellency, Richard J. Oglesby, Governor of Illinois:

GOVERNOR: I have the honor to report my arrival from the Pacific Coast, where, for the past year and a half, I have been engaged as Chief of Land Service in the Russian-American Telegraph enterprise, having been relieved from duty with the expedition on account of the recent decision of the Company to suspend further operations.

The following facts in relation to the progress of the expedition is respectfully submitted:

Nearly the entire route from New-Westminster, B. C., to the mouth of the Aurora River, has been explored and posts established at convenient points along the coasts of Russian-America and Siberia. The line has been completed and is now in working order for a distance of 850 miles north from New-Westminster, B. C. Material sufficient for the entire line has been landed at convenient points along the coast, together with the submarine cable, which has been purchased, and is now lying at Victoria, V. I.

Construction parties are engaged in putting up the line on both sides of Behring's Straits; one party are ex ending operations from Fort St. Michaels to Fort Youcon, in erior of Russian America, where it is expected to connect with the British Columbia division, while another party are at work from St. Michaels to Grantley Harbor, in Norton Sound, connecting at the latter p ace with the Behring Straits division, which carries the line to the cable crossing this side of the Straits. Emma Harbor, or Plover Bay, Eastern Siberia, was the general rendezvous for the Companies' vessels, and the point from which new material and supplies generally were distributed. At this point, also an extensive harbor, large and commodious buildings were erected, suitable for storehouses and quarters for employes. Construction parties were here engaged in running the line from the upper end of the bay to the cable crossing at the Straits, while another party were building from the bay west to Anadyr Bay, connecting at the latter point with the Siberian division, under the general supervision of Mr. SERGE ABOSA, a Russian gentleman of experience and ability, and in whom the Engineer-in-Chief, Col. CHARLES S. BUCKLEY, has every confidence.

From reports received, this division is further advanced than the American. The entire route determined, offices established and large numbers of poles set in readiness for the wire. It will thus be seen that everything betokened the prompt and speedy completion of this gigantic enterprise. The natives, with the exception of one or two small bands in British Columbia, who can, with proper management, be easily controlled, are peaceable and friendly, promising great assistance both in the construction and repair of the line. Fully two-thirds of the labor required to complete the enterprise has been performed. The almost wholly unknown possessions of Russian-America never been explored. Its rivers and streams found navigable for hundreds of miles into the interior, forming natural channels for the transportation of material and supplies.

The climate is such that explorations have been carried forward throughout every month in the year, thus proving that the extreme cold of these high northern latitudes offers no barrier to the successful completion of the work.

Employes have become conversant with the language, manners and customs of the native tribes, and confess themselves as being contented and willing to remain in the country so long as their services were required. The general location and condition of affairs along the entire route of the line when the fleet sailed from Plover Bay on its second return trip to San Francisco, where it arrived in December, 1866. From that time employes were gradually discharged until none remained in the Company's service, except the engineer-in-chief and such clerical assistance as he required to close the business, and the enterprise virtually abandoned for the time being. Many of the vessels were abandoned, and the balance ordered north to pick up the men and return them to San Francisco.

The reason assigned by the Company for discontinuing operations are obvious, yet the line can and will be completed. Commissioners in the interest of the Company are now in St. Petersburgh urging the Russian Government to continue their line from the Amoor River to Behrings Straits, when the Company agree to finish the line on this continent, lay the submarine cable across the straits, and connect with the Russian line either at Plover or Anadyr Bay, Eastern Siberia. Should this proposition fail (all indications now are to the contrary) it is thought our own Government will lend the necessary aid to push the line through to its original proposed terminus—mouth of the Amoor River—before the recent valuable acquisition of territory.

I am, Governor, with great respect, your obedient servant,

FRANK N. WICKER.

The Louisiana Levee Commissioners—Gen. Sheridan's Action.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, July 30.

The order of Gen. SHERIDAN, reinstating his Board of Levee Commissioners, is an indication that he will give all the assistance he can to the work of reconstructing the levees of the State. During the sitting of the Levee Convention last week, Gen. SHERIDAN was consulted in regard to the subject of rebuilding the levees, and he assured those with whom he had an interview that he was anxious that Gov. FLANDERS should sign the levee bonds authorized by the Legislature at its last session. Such being the desire of the General Commanding, Gov. FLANDERS will hardly hesitate to sign the bonds. If these bonds are thus approved by the military power—the only power here that has any positive existence—it is thought by many that they can be negotiated at once. The law authorizing the bonds limits their sale to eighty cents on the dollar. Whether this portion of the statute will be permitted to continue in force is more than we can say. Be this as it may, it is maintained by some that these bonds will bring eighty cents on the dollar, should they be indorsed by the military. Certainly, if they are indorsed by the only authority recognized by Congress, the legal consequence will be that such indorsement will be the act of the Federal Government. Thus sanctioned, the bonds will go into the market with some chance of becoming negotiable. Capitalists, however, are timid, and it remains to be seen whether they will regard this military indorsement as sufficient security. If the levee bonds are not signed, or cannot be made negotiable, the Levee Convention will be called together, and propose to tax the overflowed disgricts the plan of direct taxation as the means of rebuilding the levees.

The Slave Lash Restored in Kentucky—Outrageous Treatment of a Colored Girl.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Tuesday, July 30.

A brief announcement appeared in the city papers the other day that two brothers named WYTHROW, who reside in the vicinity of Lebanon, had been before the United States District Court, Judge BALLARD, and bound in the sum of $5,000 each for their appearance at the October term. The circumstances of this case, as I have learned them from official sources, were as follows: NORMAN WYTHROW, the principal offender, is a wealthy farmer, noted for his strong rebel proclivities, and generally supposed to be the chief of the "Lynchers." A near neighbor of his, Mr. DORSEY, has a colored servant girl, 16 years of age, who has been the nurse in the family since she was old enough, and bears an excellent character in the neighborhood. About a week ago this girl was sent on an errand to the house of WYTHROW, whose wife was at the time repairing an old dress. After the girl had returned home Mrs. WYTHROW discovered—or rather thought she did—that one breadth of the dress skirt was missing, and the conclusion was at once arrived at that Mr. DORSEY'S servant girl had taken it. The husband, NORMAN WYTHROW, immediately went over to DORSEY'S and accused the girl of the theft. She denied the charge and protested her innocence in the strongest terms. The house was then searched from roof to cellar, but the missing article was not found. WYTHROW not being satisfied, however, the mother of the accused girl offered to pay for the property supposed to be stolen, the value of which was about 20 cents. WYTHROW refused her offer, at the same time declaring that he would "take it out of her hide." No one being present who was able to resist him, he took a plow line, tied it to the girl's wrists, took hold of one end of it himself, got on his horse, and rode off at a brisk trot, compelling the girl to follow on foot. In this way he pulled and dragged her two miles out into the woods, where he was joined by his brother, and the two men fastened one end of the rope around the girl's neck—after having stripped her naked—then tarew the other end over the limb of a tree, drew her up so that her feet barely rested on a log, which they had placed there, and in that position whipped her until they had worn out sixteen green withes. They took the girl away from her home early in the morning, and she did not get back until late in the evening. Persons who saw her, say that she was bruised and scarred from head to foot. The WYTHROWS were next day arrested by United States officers, and brought before the District Court, as above stated. This act, though most barbarous, is not isolated here in Kentucky. Within the last two weeks no less than sixteen arrests have been made in this State by officers of the Freedmen's Bureau, of white persons charged with whipping and beating negroes.

The Arrest of a Prominent Merchant in Buffalo—The Matter Compromised.

From the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, Aug. 2.

There was great excitement in the commercial circles of this city yesterday afternoon, caused by the arrest of Mr. F. W. PATTERSON, of No. 13 Central Wharf, who has been doing business in grain upon the dock for a number of years. The particulars of the transaction are as follows:

Mr. PATTERSON purchased on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning nine boat-loads of corn, as follows: 2 loads, about 16,000 bushels, of J. M. RICHMOND & Co.; 2 loads, about 16,000 bushels, of JASON PARKER; 2 loads, about 16,000 bushels, of BACHLER, BRUCK & Co., and 3 loads, about 24,000 bushels, of W. O. BROWN & SON. Total purchases about 72,000 bushels. Mr. PATTERSON obtained bills of lading of different carriers for each of these boat-loads of corn, on which he obtained advances through the banks. First on his sight drafts on parties in New-York, and some from commission houses here. These advances were converted—about $25,000—into United States bonds, and the remainder was in drafts on New-York and in compound notes and currency. Of the two loads purchased of JASON PARKER only one was delivered. The order for the second load had not been given. Mr. PARKER had sold a load of corn to another party out of another cargo. PATTERSON obtained from the carrier a bill of lading for this load, and on it procured advances through one of the banks. Of the total amount of advances obtained about $54,000 was found upon the person of Mr. PATTERSON. The parties that sold the corn are to receive it back again and issue new bills of lading, so that they will have the benefit of the margins in corn over and above advances, $54,000, which they also receive. The total value of the corn sold was between $60,000 and $63,000. The total loss to the sellers of the corn will not exceed five to eight per cent. of the amount for which it was sold to Mr. PATTERSON. The banks and the individuals making the advances do not lose anything.

Mr. JASON PARKER communicated with the heads of the Police Department, and requested that Mr. PATTERSON might be arrested.

Policemen and detectives were immediately dispatched in every direction; the railroad depots were watched, and detachments were even stationed at the places where small boats were kept for hire, lest he should leave. All efforts to find him were in vain, however, until about 3 o'clock, when as Superintendent REYNOLDS was going up Main-street, he came upon JASON PARKER, Esq., with his arm linked into that of Mr. PATTERSON, whom he had come upon in the telegraph office while in the act of sending off a dispatch. Mr. REYNOLDS informed Mr. PATTERSON that he must consider himself under arrest, and immediately proceeded with him to headquarters. The news quickly spread about the city, and in a short space of time the Superintendent's office was filled with dock men and others, and a scene of great excitement ensued. Mr. PATTERSON—who took everything with remarkable coolness—was taken into a private apartment by Superintendent REYNOLDS, who searched his person thoroughly, when the sum of $53,562 71 in cash, bonds, drafts, &c., was discovered, as follows: Seven United States bonds, $1,000 each.... $7,000 00

One 7-30	7,000 00
Cash	1,007 37
Draft on Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank	5,600 00
Draft on Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank	11,583 50
Draft New-York and Erie Bank	6,242 19
Draft First National Bank	8,327 15
Draft H. J. Suttieworth	6,902 50
Total	$53,562 71

This was taken in charge by Mr. ADAMS, Treasurer of the Express Company, and Mr. PATTERSON had expressed his willingness to "settle" with the dock gentlemen, provided they would allow his old creditors to come in, and permit the amount taken from him to be divided among all, *pro rata*, it was thought best to enter into negotiations, and Mr. H. FISH, Esq., was commissioned to treat with him. After a time Mr. FISH returned and informed his friends that Mr. PATTERSON had agreed that the sum of $53,562 71 should be paid over, to go to those who had suffered loss by his recent operations, less $1,000. After due consultation among the losers it was concluded to accept the proposition. Mr. PATTERSON gave Mr. FISH an order on Mr. ADAMS for all money and property taken from him; Mr. ADAMS handed the same to Mr. FISH, taking his receipt therefor. The matter was then cyphered up, a dividend declared—and it could not understand whether or not Mr. PATTERSON got the thousand dollars demanded by him or not—and the parties left, refusing at the time to prefer charges against Mr. PATTERSON, but promising, in case they concluded to do so, to call at the office of the Superintendent this morning. Up to 10 o'clock no charge has been preferred. Mr. PATTERSON was released at about 8 o'clock last evening, with the understanding that he should report himself to the Superintendent this morning.

Copies of the following letter were addressed by Mr. PATTERSON to several parties to whom he was indebted—he having mailed them by putting them in a letter-box on a lamp-post, while going from the telegraph office with Mr. PARKER:

BUFFALO, Aug. 1, 1867.

——, Esq.—*Dear Sir:* Owing more money than I can pay, I am reluctantly compelled to ask my creditors for a settlement on the basis of a compromise; am preparing a statement of my liabilities, and will call a meeting of my creditors at an early day, probably on Saturday, when proposals of settlement will be made.

Yours truly,

F. W. PATTERSON.

ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

At the meeting of the Board of Trade this morning the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That this Board of Trade request the trustees to expel F. W. PATTERSON from membership, and that the secretary be requested to give F. W. PATTERSON a copy of this resolution.

Whereas, It is manifest that our present system of delivering property to buyers is attended with great danger; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to mature and report to this Board a plan providing for greater security.

The following gentlemen were appointed such committee: S. H. FISH, CYRUS CLARKE and J. M. RICHMOND.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

Another Letter from Hon. B. G. Harris, of Maryland.

HON. BENJAMIN G. HARRIS, of Maryland, has written a reply to strictures by Democratic papers in that State upon his recent letter to the St. Mary's *Gazette*, in relation to the action of the Constitutional Convention on the subjects of suffrage and the admission of colored men as witnesses in the trial of criminal cases. He alludes particularly to the comments of the Baltimore *Gazette*, and concludes as follows:

I still think the honor and dignity of the sovereign State of Maryland require that the injuries she has sustained and the insults and threats she has been, and is still, subject to should be met by feelings of the strongest and sternest character. Better that her non-conformity to Radical demands should run to the "verge of spite" than that there should be that gentle dispassionate acquiescence which seems to be suggested by that very "sate" adviser—the Baltimore *Gazette*. For myself I would rather that our State should display some of the traits of the lion of the tribe of Judah, than to subject herself to that, for a State, greatest of curses, which Jacob declared should befall his most pusillanimous son Issachar.

"Issachar is an ass couching down between two burdens.

And he saw that rest was good, and bowed his shoulder to bear and become a servant unto tribute."

That such may not be the fate of our beloved State is the hope of Yours, &c.,

B. G. HARRIS.

Reported New Ground for Confiscation—Letter from Mr. Stevens.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Bulletin*, in a dispatch dated the 3d inst., makes the following statement:

"A recent letter from Hon. THADDEUS STEVENS to a Radical friend in this city states that a bill will be presented at the opening of the November Congressional session for confiscating the property of all Southern ex-slaveholders who dismiss the freedmen for voting the Republican ticket.

Senator WILSON, it is understood, strongly favors this course, which will probably be adopted.

The names of such ex-rebels are to be collected by the military commanders for reference."

Hon. Sidney Clarke, of Kansas, on Suffrage.

In a recent letter to the Secretary of the Kansas Impartial Suffrage Association, Hon. SIDNEY CLARKE, of that State, says:

"I have written to Hon. F. H. DRENNING, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, tendering my services to the Committee to make a canvass of the State. I am heartily in favor of universal suffrage, and shall cheerfully do all in my power to secure its adoption in Kansas and throughout the Union. In the extension of the right of suffrage to every citizen of the Republic, and in the fostering of popular education by the Government, I see a solution of all our national difficulties, and gather a brighter hope for the future of our common country."

Address by Gen. R. K. Scott to the Freedmen in South Carolina.

Maj.-Gen. R. K. SCOTT last week addressed the freedmen at Marion Court-house, S. C. He advised them to take advantage of every occasion to enlighten themselves in regard to the requirements and obligations as well as the rights and privileges of their present status, to refrain from seeking social equality; to beware of dissensions, particularly in reference to church matters, and to be energetic and industrious. He also spoke of the duty of registering, and warned them against arraying the white race against the black by attempting to form a party upon the basis of color. It is an unsound basis and could only result in the inevitable defeat of whatever objects they had in view, as the formation of a "colored man's party" would necessarily exclude the very men who, for a lifetime, had labored in their behalf. If such a course was pursued, it could only result in a strife such as that which occurred in Kansas, between slavery and freedom—it was merely a question of numbers, and the result can be easily prophesied; he was glad to learn, however, that there was no disposition on the part of the colored people of the district to draw any such party lines.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

The colored people of Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis, on the 29th ult., held a large political meeting at Annapolis Junction, the occasion drawing them together being the national pic-nic of the First Regiment of Lincoln Zouaves *Corps d'Afrique*. From Baltimore there were twenty-seven cars densely packed, and from Washington and Annapolis there were also crowded trains of visitors to participate in the festivities of the day. The Zouaves turned out with full ranks, numbering some four hundred muskets, only one company however being fully uniformed. Radical speeches were made by Hon. J. J. STEWART, Judge BOND and others.

The Toledo (Ohio) *Blade*, says: "The Democracy hope to carry enough of the close counties this Fall to put PENDLETON or THURMAN in the Senate in place of BEN. WADE. With this end in view, the principal speakers are detailed for duty in the counties always considered doubtful, and such dead weights as VALLANDIGHAM are only sent where the majorities are so large that he can do the party no damage. Our friends in these localities are, we are glad to see, on the alert, and every inch of ground will be contested. There is no necessity for our losing a single county now represented by a Republican."

The Democracy of Dayton, Ohio, celebrated the birthday of VALLANDIGHAM at a grove near that city a few days since. Speeches were made by Mr. VALLANDIGHAM and others. There were music and dancing, as well as refreshments, both solid and liquid. Finally, late in the day, a fight of a serious character occurred among the participants, in which several were severely injured, one man probably fatally

The Maryland Convention has finally adopted the Declaration of Rights, one of the most remarkable features of which is the section declaring that

"Slavery shall not be established in Maryland," and demanding compensation from the United States for its abolition. The vote on its adoption was 72 yeas, 17 nays.

An Ohio paper states that Mr. GALLOWAY is improving in health, and that he will speak in various localities during the canvass, and labor heartily for the success of the Republican candidates in that State.

The Congressional Committees appointed to examine the qualification of the Kentucky representatives, will meet in Louisville in October. They have been invited and will go into every district.

The next general election in Colorado Territory occurs on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Forty-first Day's Proceedings.

ALBANY, Friday, Aug. 3.

The State Constitutional Convention reassembled this morning.

MEMORIALS.

The following memorials were presented:

By Mr. MERWIN—Relative to fishing in the international waters.

By Mr. FOWLER—Against donations to sectarian institutions.

By Mr. GRAVES—On the same subject.

By Mr. BICKFORD—On the same subject.

By Mr. BELL—Relative to fishing in international waters.

By Mr. VAN CAMPEN—Against donations to sectarian institutions.

By Mr. VAN GAFT—On the same subject.

By Mr. MASTEN—In relation to law libraries.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. VERPLANCK called up his resolution calling upon the CANAL COMMISSIONERS for information concerning breaks in the Erie Canal during the past ten years. Adopted.

Mr. T. W. DWIGHT'S resolution, that the vote on the amendments now being considered in Committee of the Whole be taken at 1:45 o'clock on Tuesday next, was laid over.

By Mr. MERWIN—Relative to a system of cumulative voting for Aldermen in cities, was referred.

ORGANIZATION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Convention went into Committee of the Whole on the organization of the Legislature, Mr. ARCHER in the chair.

Mr. BACHELLER was opposed to large Senate districts. It would be much better for this Convention not to attempt to make out an apportionment, but to pass that duty over to the Legislature.

Mr. LEE did not understand that this Convention had been called to make an entire new Constitution, but to revise and amend the present organic law, as experience had demanded. There had been no demands on the part of the Press or people for a return to a large district system. The small district plan had worked well, and he was in favor of letting well enough alone; but whether large or small districts were adopted, the subject of apportionment should be left to the Legislature.

Mr. BELL did not attribute to any one party purposes in the discussion of this subject; he believed there was an earnest desire on all hands to arrive at the best plan for the organization of the Legislature. No six men could make an apportionment that would be satisfactory, and for that reason he did not believe that this Convention should make the attempt. It more properly belonged to the Legislature, and should be left to that body. The Senate should represent the State, and small districts had a tendency to localize the views of the representative. Large districts would have the contrary effect.

Mr. LEE—Would it not have a tendency to enlarge the views of Senators if they were elected on a general State ticket?

Mr. BELL said that was not a bad proposition. The election of Senators on a State ticket would possess many advantages over any other plan. What was needed was an experienced and able body of men, who would have in view the best interests of the State.

Mr. W. C. BROWN said that, in the first instance, the State was divided into four great Senate Districts. This was not found to work well, and to remedy defects eight districts were subsequently agreed upon, but when the Convention of 1846 met there was a great pressure for another change, and thirty-two districts were agreed to. This was a change to the other extreme. He favored the plan proposed by the gentleman from Westchester.

Mr. GREELEY said it was open to some objections, but if modified, would be found to work well, and give minorities an opportunity to be represented.

Mr. M. H. LAWRENCE was opposed to going backward. The people would not indorse the change from small districts to large ones. The noblest part of the work of the Convention of 1846 was the abolition of the large district system. The people were now too negligent of political affairs, and if large districts were adopted it would destroy what little interest was now exhibited.

Mr. S. TOWNSEND favored the formation of small districts, as it would bring the representation more directly in contact with the people.

Mr. WAKEMAN said if he had been called upon when he first came to this Convention, to give a vote on the the question, he should have favored large Senate districts, but the consideration given to the subject had changed his views. He should support the single district system both as to Senators and members of the Assembly. It would give minorities a better opportunity to be represented. The term of office of Senator should be increased, and that would relieve the difficulties complained of. It was always salutary to have a respectable minority in numbers, because the majority would always bear watching. He should vote on these propositions without reference to party avantage, and after full discussion had been had, he would vote for the proposition as a whole that should appear to be for the best interest of the State.

Mr. BICKFORD felt compelled to dissent from the report of the Committee, so far as the Senate districts was concerned. They asked this Convention to divide the State into eight districts. The small district system had been in force for twenty years. It was popular with the people, and had worked well. The proposed change would not be sanctioned by the people, and would therefore endanger the success of the Constitution to be submitted to their decision. We would return to the plan of electing members of the Assembly by counties, as it was preferable to the single district system. A plan that would give minorities a representation was desirable.

Mr. RUMSEY was opposed to the report of the Committee, because it did not do justice to the First District, (New-York,) although he had no particular love for that locality. But in making an apportionment, it should be justly dealt by. In this apportionment 54,000 inhabitants of that City were left unrepresented. He proposed that the Senate should consist of thirty-three members, and that the State should be divided into eleven districts, each district to have three Senators; no county to be divided except New-York. This plan would provide for a more equal division of the State. He would leave the apportionment to the Legislature, and thus remove one disturbing element from this Convention.

Mr. GARVIN proposed to amend the report so that the First District shall consist of the City and County of New-York, and shall be entitled to two additional Senators.

The Committee here rose and reported progress, and leave was granted to sit again.

Mr. MERRITT stated that it was the purpose of the Committee to give reasonable time for the discussion of the report on the organization of the Legislature, but he would say that it was the purpose of the Committee to reach a vote, if possible, on Tuesday evening.

Adjourned to Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

An International Literary Congress to Assemble in Paris.

From the Journal des Débats.

A great project, that of holding an international literary Congress, is about to be realized, thanks to the persevering efforts of the Society of French Gens de Lettres. The idea originated in 1864, when M. CHAMPFLEURY published a pamphlet on this subject, and the Prince of Wales dwelt upon a similar theme in his address delivered at the seventy-fifth anniversary banquet of the Literary Fund Society, in London. Still the plan of an international Congress, to be formed of writers from all nations remained in embryo until the Society of Gens de Lettres determined to carry it into effect. A Committee of ten members was recently appointed to organize the Congress, and the chairman, Mons. PAUL FEVAL, announced at the meeting of June 16, that the Congress would shortly assemble. In concluding his remarks he predicted "the perfection of that unity hitherto unknown among litterateurs, and the establishment of a system of mutual insurance that would become universal and increase tenfold the diffusion of thought by creating the independence of thinkers." The Minister of the Interior, having been called upon for the required authorization, allowed it at once, and contributed ten thousand francs toward defraying the expenses of organization.

MAXIMILIAN'S SADDLE.—There is on exhibition at the Jewelry-store of Messrs. GALT, the saddle which it is stated belonged to and was used by the late MAXIMILIAN, of Mexico. This saddle by some means came into the possession of Gen. TREVEBO, of the Mexican army, and was by him presented to Mr. C. H. SHELLEY, one of the hosts of the Metropolitan Hotel. The saddle is really a magnificent affair; and not only as a historical memento is it worth seeing, but as a splendid piece of mechanism it is worth a visit. The pommel is solid silver, with the facing of a watch-dog, and around the edge the line is filled with lettering, stating the fact of the presentation by Gen. TREVEBO to Mr. SHELLEY. The stirrups are also of silver, with leather and gold cords. The outside edging of the tree and top-plate are silver, while innumerable cords, platings, &c., are of corded gold, silver, and leather bordering. The saddlecloth is of Mexican leather, inlaid with gold and silver plating on the facings and sides; flowers, wreaths, and other representations are thus made, by means of the precious metals, on the face of the leather. It is stated that the whole affair cost over one thousand dollars in gold, in the City of Mexico, but its actual cost is not known.—*Washington National Intelligencer, July 29.*

Hon. JOHN SIMONTON, of Mississippi, recently delivered an address in the Northern part of that State, in which he took strong ground in favor of accepting the terms of the military bills. The Jackson *Clarion* says: "There are few men of Col. SIMONTON'S age who have a more brilliant record than his. A man of Union antecedents before the war, he entered at an early day, and bore himself gallantly in the struggle. He was subsequently elected to the State Senate, and was chosen presiding officer of that body. His labors in the cause of reconstruction will be powerfully felt among the people who know him best."

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Judge Barnard.

The first Monday motion calendar not made up in time for this morning's paper. It will be published in the TIMES of Tuesday.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Held by Judge Gross.

Non-Jury Causes.

Calendar called at 11 *A. M.*

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Held by Gross, J.

Adjourned to Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 11 *A. M.*

The following is the calendar for that day:

Nos.		Nos.	
234	Dowly vs. McGrath.	256	Brunner vs. Carrelli.
246	Crook vs. U. S. Rubber Co.	257	Gomez vs. Cent. Amer. T. Co.
247	Monroe vs. Nesmith.	258	Kaiser vs. Lipman.
248	Smith vs. Carroll.	259	Kruger vs. Nebenzahl.
249	Bailey vs. Fine.	260	Burke vs. Dunshee.
250	Kapler vs. Albeck.	261	Fine vs. Hetterick.
251	Ford vs. Carrington.	262	McFarlain, Jr. vs. Baumberger.
252	B. D. & E. Co. vs. Goodwin.	263	Fry vs. West.
253	Glen vs. Oldack.	264	McIntire vs. Gardner.
254	Mathews vs. Murray.	265	Healey vs. Fagan.
256	Boete vs. Cohen.		

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

Before Judge Blatchford.

THE GOODYEAR PATENT AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT.

Henry B. Goodyear et al. vs. Wm. Mulleer and John Miller.—Two motions were made against the two defendants above named, for an alleged contempt for violating the injunction of the Court which restrained them (defendants) from making or selling India-rubber combs, of which the plaintiffs are the patentees. The latter complain that the defendants have heretofore repeatedly infringed the Goodyear hard-rubber patent, and were therefore brought before this and other circuits of the Federal Courts. The defendant Mulleer, it appears, insisted that his combs were manufactured under a patent and by a process of his own, which was, however, denied by the plaintiffs.

The motions were argued at length by Messrs. L. Abbett, W. J. A. Fuller and C. M. Keller for plaintiffs; and by Messrs. Darlington, Wetmore and Spring for defendants. Judge BLATCHFORD has just delivered an opinion in which, among other things, he decides that Mulleers' process of manufacturing combs is a substantial infringement of the Goodyear patent; that the past career of the defendants entitles them to little or no consideration or favor at the hands of the Court, and he directs that an attachment issue against defendants for violation of the injunction order.

THE CIVIL COURTS IN AUGUST.

With the exception of the Marine, there will be no civil courts in session for the trial of actions during this month, unless we include the Justices' or District Courts, which are supposed to be always in operation for the recovery of claims under $100. The Supreme Court, Chambers, will be held by Judge Barnard, who will hear all motions brought before him. The Superior Court, Chambers and Special Term, will be presided over by Judge Barbour. In the absence of first Judge Daly, who is in the Constitutional Convention, the Common Pleas, Chambers and Special Term, will be held by Judge Cardozo. The trial term of the Marine Court will be commenced by Judge Gross on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at 11 A. M.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Aug. 3, 1867.

$1,000	U. S. 6s. 5-20s. R. '62	109	
6,500	C. S. 6s. 5-20s. C. '62	112	
103,000	do	112¼	
5,000	do	112¼	
125,000	U. S. 6s. 5-20s. C. '65	110	
158,000	do	110	
50,000	U. S. 5-20s. '67. C New Is	108¼	
2,000	do	108¾	
5,000	U. S. 5s. 10-40s. C.	102¾	
1,000	do	102¾	
5,000	do	102¾	
25,000	Tr. Stock	80	
8,000	do	80	
200,000	do	80	
110,000	do	102¾	
30,000	Tenn. 6s. ex-c—	66	
10,000	do	67½	
1,000	Virginia 6s.	51	
15,000	Ga. St. 7s	85	
9,000	N. Car. St. 6s	57½	
3,000	Missouri 6s	103¾	
30,000	U. S. & M. Cer.	28¾	
180,000	do	28¾	
1,000	N. Y. Cen. 6s. '83	95½	
1,000	P. Ft. W. & C. 1st	98¼	
500	Chic. & Alt. In. 6	91	
2,000	Morris & Es. 1st M.	96½	
20	Merchants' Ex. Bk	111	
97	Nat. Com.	118	
6	Bank S. of N. Y.	106	
10	Continental Bank	106	
20	Bank of N. Amer.	100	
20	Ninth Nat. Bank	103¼	
100	Adams Ex.	75¾	
200	do	75¾	
150	do	75¾	
34	Wells & F. Ex.	67	
200	do	67½	
10	do	67½	
4	Amer. Ex.	75	
14	do	74½	
200	Cum. Coal Pr.	37¾	
100	do	37½	
100	do	37¾	
6	West. U. Tel.	47	
100	do	47¼	
200	do	47¼	
100	do. 2d call	47	
100	Quick. Min.	31¼	
100	do. 3d call	31	

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

200	Wells Fargo Ex.	67½	
50	Adams Express	76	
100	do	75¾	
10	Am. Ex. Co	75¾	
100	do	75¾	
100	West. U. Tel	47¼	
100	do	47¾	
100	N. Y. Cen. R.—d	104¾	
300	do	b3	104⅝
200	Hud. Riv. R.	s3	120
100	Erie 8s.		75¾
100	do	s3	75¾
700	do		75¾
500	do	b3	75¾
400	Reading R.		105¾
500	do	c	105¾
200	do		105¾
100	do	s30	106¾
100	Mil. & St. P.	b3	80
100	Mil. & St. P.	s30	80¾
100	do	c	80¾
600	Cleve. & Pitts.		94¾
100	Chic. R. I. & P.		102¾
100	do		101¾
500	Chic. & N. W.		47¾
100	do	s3	47¾
300	Chic. & N. W. Pr.		70¾

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$40,000	Ohio & M. C.	28	
100	Mer. U. Ex. 20 p c. paid	18	
100	Quick. Min. Co.	31	
100	Mar. Min. Pr.	s3	22¼
100	Pacific Mail		146
100	West. U. Tel.	s3	47
1100	N. Y. Cen.	2-d	104¾
1100	Erie R.		75¾
700	do	c	75¾
900	do		75¾
800	do	s3	75¾
500	do	c	75¾
600	do		75¾
300	do	b3	75¾
100	do	s3	75¾
100	Tol., W. & W.		69¾
50	Mar. Min. Co.		10
100	do	2d call	10¼
10	Mariposa Pr.		21¾
100	Boston W. P.		22
	do		22
200	Pac. Mail SS. Co.		146
900	N. Y. Cen.		104¾
	do	c30	104¾
500	do	s10	104¾
100	do		104¾
1,100	do	b30	104⅝
300	do	2d call	104¾
600	Erie R.		75¾
500	do		75¾
100	do	s30	75¾
200	do		75¾
100	do		75¾
100	do	2d call	75¾
300	Chic. & N. W. Pf.		70¾
100	do		70¾
200	do		71
800	C. & N. W. Pr.		69¾
300	do		69¾

MONDAY, Aug. 5—A. M.

The business in Dry Goods continues to show a fair improvement, and in General Foreign Merchandise there is a good trade going on. The Exports of Domestic Produce are moderate for the week, owing to the continued light receipts by Canal. The receipts of Cotton coastwise keep up well for the advanced season, but a liberal portion of these is taken off the market for the New-England mills. The accounts of the harvest in the West continue uniformly encouraging, and the heavy or ominous rains experienced along the seaboard appear not to have interfered with the gathering of the Grain crops in the interior.

The easy and confident movement in the Money market was rather increased the past week by the ample supply of Foreign Exchange at a fraction below the Gold shipping point, indicating an increased disposition to employ English and Continental balances on this side even at 4@5 ₱ cent. Should the demand for Money improve to 6@7 ₱ cent., as it may do later in the season, there is every reason to suppose that this operation would be enlarged, as Money continues very cheap in London and on the Continental Exchanges, with no immediate prospect of a change from the demands of trade or the threatenings of War. The French Grain harvest is not very promising, and the English harvest is not likely to prove so abundant as to preclude a continued good demand for American Breadstuffs, including Indian Corn, at fair prices.

The Public Funds made a further advance late in the week, after some movements in the opposite direction against the 5-20s of 1862 a few days before on Cable rumors of trouble between France and Prussia. The Border State Bonds also made another advance

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Amusements this Evening.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, PET OF THE PETTICOATS and FAMILY JARS. Characters by Dan Bryant and company.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, an original and grand spectacular Drama, entitled THE BLACK CROOK.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7 o'clock, HAMLET, CAMILLE and BOREAS.

BANVARD'S MUSEUM.
Corner of Broadway and 30th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE BEAR AND THE MAIDEN. Prof. LOGRENIA, THE PRESTIDIGITATEUR, and curiosities from all parts of the world.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS AFTERNOON at 2½, and EVENING at 8, LITTLE BOY BLUE; or, BUSH-A-BYE-BABY, and PATTY AND HER PITCHER. A LARGE COLLECTION OF LIVING WILD ANIMALS. 300,000 CURIOSITIES.

TERRACE GARDEN.
3d-av., between 58th and 59th-sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, THEODORE THOMAS' POPULAR GARDEN CONCERTS.

BROADWAY OPERA HOUSE.
No. 840 Broadway.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, near Broome-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, CASTE. Characters by Mr. W. J. Florence, Mrs. W. J. Florence, Mrs. F. S. Chanfrau, Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, Mr. W. Davidge, Mr. C. Marlowe, Mr. E. Lamb.

GRIFFIN & CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS.
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THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, E. PERCIVAL, GEORGE CHRISTY and OTTO BURBANK.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Dispatches received on Saturday from Athens bring the intelligence that the Greek Government has announced its determination of declaring war against the Sublime Porte on the 1st of September, should the hostilities against the Christians in the Island of Candia not be ended by that time. Great military preparations are being made for such an emergency.

The *Dunderberg* arrived at Cherbourg on Saturday, fourteen days and seven hours after having sailed from New-York. The iron-clad encountered heavy weather and high seas on the voyage, but behaved nobly, and proved herself an excellent seaboat.

The Emperor NAPOLEON will be accompanied by M. MOUSTIER, his Minister of Foreign Affairs, on his visit to the Emperor of Austria, and will remain three days in the Austrian capital. The Emperor's departure from Paris has been postponed for one week.

The foreign members of the Imperial Commission of the Exposition having drawn up an address for presentation to the Emperor NAPOLEON, that monarch replied thereto, saying: "The hopes for the peace and progress of the whole world spring from such exhibitions."

Arrangements are being made, it is said, for an interview between the Emperor NAPOLEON and King WILLIAM of Prussia, to take place after the visit of the former to Vienna.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, of Fenian notoriety, is reported to be in Naples, where, it is averred, he is intriguing with the radical Democrats and men of the party of action in Southern Italy.

The election of LOUIS KOSSUTH to the Hungarian Diet causes much alarm among the members of the Conservative Party of Hungary, who fear that his extreme views may lead to a disturbance of the existing political agreement with the Emperor of Austria.

A telegram dated Valentia, Saturday, July 20, 6 P. M., reports that the Cable of 1866 was broken suddenly on Saturday afternoon at fifty nautical miles from Heart's Content. The injury can be repaired with great facility, as in the case of the recent accident to the shore end of the same cable.

GENERAL.

Registration is to commence immediately in South Carolina. In accordance with the order dated Aug. 1, by Major-Gen. SICKLES, post commanders are to be Superintendents of Registration within their respective commands, exercising, in addition to the functions specially conferred, a general supervisory authority looking to the faithful execution of the several Reconstruction Acts, the maintenance of order and the protection of political rights. They will suspend Registers for malfeasance in office, neglect of duty or incompetency, and promptly report their action, with the reasons therefor, to the Commanding-General. The regulations are severe against persons endeavoring to thwart the right of registration, the offence being punishable by the post court. Offences perpetrated by white persons disguised as blacks are of frequent occurrence, therefore the attention of all the authorities, civil and military, is directed to this device as one adopted to escape detection, and to cast unmerited obloquy upon the colored people. In all cases where resort thereto shall be shown, the fact will be taken into consideration as aggravating the offence.

In the Surratt trial on Saturday Judge PIERREPONT commenced the closing argument for the prosecution. He briefly reviewed the circumstances attendant upon the assassination, the flight and concealment of SURRATT, his capture and return to this country, and then called the attention of the jury to the main points of the evidence. He especially combatted the attempt made by the defence to establish an *alibi*. The testimony of the most important witnesses was read during the argument, and Mr. PIERREPONT pointed out to the jury the manner in which the witnesses corroborated each other. Mr. PIERREPONT consumed the entire day with his remarks, and had not concluded when the hour for adjournment arrived. It is reported that he intends to make his argument exhaustive of the subject of the conspiracy, and will occupy two or three days more.

In the Constitutional Convention on Saturday memorials were presented relative to fishing in the international waters. Against donations to sectional institutions. The resolution calling upon the Canal Commissioners for information concerning breaks in the Erie Canal during the past ten years, was adopted. The Convention went into Committee of the Whole on the organization of the Legislature. The question of rearranging the Senatorial Districts was discussed at length. Without having agreed upon anything, the Committee rose and reported progress, and the Convention adjourned to Monday morning.

A special dispatch to the TIMES from Fort Harker, details the killing of seven railroad employes by Indians, near that station, on Friday last. The Indians then proceeded to a stage station, and while exposed to a short range fire of fifty infantry soldiers, ran off twenty head of horses and mules. This is the boldest raid made by the Indians this Summer.

Our special dispatches from Washington announce that the President has decided to suspend Collector KELLOGG of New Orleans, for alleged malfeasance in office—the charges against him being preferred by Louisiana politicians. A dispatch to the Associated Press, however, denies the report, and says there is no foundation for it.

Dispatches from San Francisco announce the arrival at that port of the United States steamer *Resaca*, from Panama, with yellow fever on board. She reports sixty-eight cases during the trip, and eighteen deaths. The disease was confined entirely to the crew, no officers having been attacked.

The steamer *Virgo*, from Savannah, brought to this port yesterday Capt. BARKER and the other officers and crew of the steamer *Alice Hines*, a propeller of 90 tons burden, which foundered off Cape Hatteras on Friday last.

The election for State officers in Kentucky takes place to-day.

LOCAL.

A small bark called the *Plato*, fitted out by the Fenians, which sailed from Long Island Sound for Ireland on the 28th of April, returned here on the 28th of last month. Her crew are greatly disheartened and report the country as swarming with troops and the people as quite unripe for revolution. A party that she landed on the coast of Ireland were all captured.

The body of the man found in the water at Mariners' Harbor, a few days since, is believed to be that of Mr. GERHARD LEIKE, of Newark, N. J., who mysteriously disappeared on the 23d of July last. Foul play is suspected.

During the month of July 23,376 immigrants arrived at Castle Garden. Nearly one-half of the number remain in this State, while of the Western States Illinois receives the largest proportion.

During the first seven months of this year 36.50 inches of rain fell—an unprecedentedly large amount.

The trial of the charges against Rev. S. H. TYNG, Jr., has been postponed until September next.

The authorities of Newark, N. J., are taking the preliminary steps for the erection of public baths.

Three hundred men have lately been discharged from the Brooklyn Navy-Yard.

General business was quiet on Saturday, as a rule. Flour and Pork were lower. Prime Wheat was scarce and steady. Corn and Oats were buoyant. Cotton was rather firmer and in better request. Groceries were inactive. The Freight Market was quite dull.

The Convention and the Legislature—Senate and Assembly Districts.

The caution with which our State Convention moves in amending the Constitution appears extreme to those who apprehended a rush of radical or at least novel ideas. Every day seems to develop more clearly the fact that the tendency is rather to suffer the defects we have than fly to dangers we know not of. Thus the "jump forward" to give suffrage to women, of which many good people had serious apprehension, proved to be a flash in the pan; the man upon whom the gentle sex relied to lead them up to political as well as social equality, had a sober second thought, and when the moment came to strike for equal voting rights, he surrendered, and the cause was postponed for a generation. Previous to the report of the special committee on suffrage, we had been led to expect the most sweeping and important changes in the qualifications of those among men who were to be allowed to vote. The result has disappointed these expectations. Although the proposed sections are not actually adopted, it is clear that with the exception of repealing the property clause in regard to colored men, the facts and circumstances that will make a voter in 1868, should a new constitution be adopted, will be substantially the same as those which have been required for the past five years. Therefore we may conclude that in this fundamental basis of our government, we shall suffer no appreciable shock, either socially or politically. The suffrage will be confined to men of 21 years or over, of sound mind, and under no ban in respect to crime; the accretion from the votes of colored men will not much exceed one per cent. of the State's entire voting strength, and cannot have the slightest practical effect upon the policy or legislation of the ruling race.

Next to suffrage, the reorganization of the Legislature claims attention, and, indeed, that matter is now before the Convention. The report of the Committee on the subject provides for a Senate of thirty-three members, to be elected from eight districts, four from each with one extra member for the City of New-York, and the term of office to be four years; the Assembly to comprise one hundred and thirty-nine members, to be apportioned among the counties, and elected in each county on a general ticket, that is, where a county is entitled to two or more members, the ballots shall contain the required number of names, and be the same throughout the county. The minor provisions are the division of the State into eight Senate districts, ordering a redivision if necessary after each State census, fixing a salary of $1,000 a year for members, prohibiting the appointment of members to other civil offices, shutting out United States officials from both Houses, and regulating the time and manner of meeting.

The changes from the present Constitution are few but important, the main feature being a return in the direction of the general ticket system which prevailed up to 1846, when the last important changes in our organic law were made. At present we have the State divided into thirty-two Senatorial Districts, each one operating independently of the other. By the new section proposed there will be only eight districts, which is a direct return to the Constitution of 1821. It is a question admitting of wide difference of opinion how far sections of country, or cities or towns, are homogenous in the local interests directly affected by legislation, and consequently how far any given number of Senators may be expected to fairly represent all their constituents. It is certain that the single or small district system for all offices has worked badly in our large towns and cities. In many instances the very worst class of the people have sent almost their worst men to Albany, and fellows whose proper place was at Sing Sing have made fortunes by selling their votes in the State capital as members of the Legislature. We need not specify; names will readily occur to any man at all familiar with recent political affairs. We have studied this subject with considerable attention for many years, and every succeeding election has proved to our satisfaction that the smaller the district the greater chance there is for corrupt men to creep into power. Some years ago we had a Board of Councilmen for this City of sixty members, and of these about one-third were the immediate representatives of emigrant runners, policy dealers, keepers of bawdy-houses and people of scarcely less repulsive occupations, and one-half of this third could neither read nor write. Had sixty men been voted for on a general ticket throughout the City, not one of these rascals would have had the ghost of a chance of election.

But to return to the Legislature. The small district system has worked quite as disastrously there. We can point out localities where whole Assembly and even Senatorial Districts are under the domination of thieves and swindlers; where the primary meeting is simply a gathering of prize fighters, and where the only question as to choice of a candidate is "which of these fellers can steal the most for the boys." And these rotten boroughs cannot be redeemed; the few good citizens who were once among them, like the ten righteous men wanted in Sodom, have migrated to more congenial locations, and every year marks more and more clearly the fact that the districts of which we speak are given over to ruinous influences.

Of course we shall not undertake to apply these illustrations to the whole State; but so far as New-York, Brooklyn and other cities are concerned, we state only a manifest truth that the small district system has worked mischievously, most seriously damaging the character of our State law-makers as it has that of our local governors. New-York, while voting by general ticket, has, on one or two exceptional occasions, (but in no instance by a majority of her voters,) chosen unworthy men to high office. Of this she has repented, and it is now only in regard to the character of the men who fill lesser stations that she sits disgraced. Were the question to be submitted to-morrow whether we should adhere to the present system of choosing legislators or adopt the general ticket system, nominating men from any part of the City without regard to ward or residence, we feel certain that three-fourths of all the voters on the island would heartily indorse the change. The idea of non-restriction as to residence long ago had the earnest support of no less an advocate than Mr. GREELEY, who proposed that the voters of such districts as the lower part of our City should not be compelled to take actual residents for candidates, but have the right to elect any man they might choose, even though he should be a resident not only of another ward or district, but even of another county.

We are not surprised to find the Democratic members of the Convention much exercised on the single district question, although we cannot see what they are to gain in keeping things as they are. The division, so far as the Senate is concerned, will surely give them more members than they now have or can hope to have; and as for the Assembly, the electing of members on general ticket in New-York and Kings can hardly fail to sweep out the small delegation of Republicans now coming from those counties. Were it not a chronic impulse for a Democrat to oppose a Republican measure simply because it is of Republican parentage, we should expect to see the entire Democratic force voting for the Consolidated District system.

The Convention has wisely used extreme caution in its measures thus far, and in this one there is a kindly temper and an evident disposition to walk safely. We have already referred to the suggestion offered out of doors of a large increase of the number of Assemblymen and Senators, on the ground that it would cost more money to buy through a corrupt scheme in a House of 500 than it would in a House of 128. If a measure is to be carried by money, the conspirators compute very accurately how much they can afford to pay; they care nothing for the number of victims, but keep a sharp eye to the aggregate cost. And if a majority of 128 can be purchased for $10,000, we may be certain that the sum would be equally effective in a House of any number. Enlarging the number is to increase the chances for corruption; it is easier to buy one man of ten than one man of two; the fewer number of law-makers we have, the easier it will be to discover the black sheep, and the harder will it be to get any one of them to assume the responsibility of distributing or sharing a bribe.

The proposition to extend the Senatorial term to four years, and regulate the expiration of terms so as to keep three-fourths constantly in office, ought to work well—that is, if the members are honest. There will be, then, a working majority familiar with legislative business, and many of the mistakes incident to the lively zeal of new law-makers may be avoided. But then it is a two-edged sword; should the Senators prove corrupt, the very fact of being masters of the situation by virtue of continuance in office would give them a mighty power for rings and plunderings. The term of office of Assemblymen is not changed, and the addition of eleven members to their number does not create an important change.

The report of the Committee is attacked by many Democrats with much spirit, but their motives are too evident to allow of deception. To those of us who remember with what vigorous vituperation their leaders denounced the Republican idea of dividing our Board of Supervisors and certain other administrative bodies of this City, so as to give each party an equal voice, their pathetic appeals in this Convention for the rights of minorities to representation wear an aspect at once ludicrous and insincere. Let us hope that out of the flood of words with which the current discussion will necessarily abound, the assembled wisdom will evolve some plan by which we may end now and forever the scandal which year by year grows up around our State Legislature.

Inequalities of Local Taxation.

As a general rule, all classes of taxes in the United States are now assessed on the guess system and collected on the grab system. Leaving the notorious inequalities in the taxes levied by the General Government out of the question, we may take the laws of New-York State as a fair sample of legislation upon this subject, or at least as a good illustration of the guess-and-grab plan of raising money.

So long as State and local expenses were light, the management of the public finances was an easy task; our assessment laws were few, and there were almost no complaints regarding their operation. It was but seldom that any one took the trouble to correct petty errors in his own tax bills, and the Legislature was equally indifferent to trifling defects in the tax laws. But since 1846, when our present State Constitution was framed, and especially since 1860, the number of bills relating to State and local expenditures, which have been placed upon the statute book, is so large that it would be a wearisome labor even to enumerate them. A very large portion of the Revised Statutes is devoted to this department. There are general laws for the State, and special laws for nearly every city. New-York, Brooklyn, Albany, Troy, Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Utica, Poughkeepsie, and other municipalities, have each its own burden of tax laws, and the whole mass is so devoid of principle or rule that it may be regarded as hasty guesswork from beginning to end. Neither counties, nor cities, nor individuals are taxed in proportion to their ability to pay, or their income, or their interest in the State. The disproportion between city and country taxes is, perhaps, the most prominent evil in the matter.

It has been alleged that Republican Legislatures have changed the assessment laws for cities with the design of throwing upon their political opponents an undue share of taxation. There is, however, no foundation for this charge, for we find these complaints regarding unequal taxation in places where political differences are not even thought of in this connection. For instance, in Kings County there has been a standing dispute for years past between city and country representatives on this subject, both parties being Republicans. The source of this dispute, and probably of all other differences of the kind, lies in the different systems established in the two sections. In the city assessors are appointed by the local authorities; in the country they are elected by the people. In the country assessments are made low to please voters; in cities assessments are made to satisfy the law. In both cases perhaps the majority of the assessors act in good faith, and without feeling any qualms of conscience on account of the way in which they perform their duties. Without casting any reflections upon their honesty, we may point to the vast disorderly mass of State laws relating to taxation, and especially to the country and city systems of raising money, and to the disputes arising from these systems, as conclusive evidence of a general and long-continued restlessness under the growing burdens of our State and local debts, and as evidence of the necessity for immediate improvements in the assessment and collection of taxes.

Several States have wisely incorporated into their Constitutions a section requiring all taxes to be equal and uniform. Perhaps the example of Maine, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida in this respect may have some influence with other States which are now amending, or proposing to amend, their fundamental laws. At the present time it is specially important to keep local disputes about local expenditures out of politics, as far as practicable. The country is threatened with a great political battle between Protection and Free Trade. If it comes, its intensity and the injuries it may inflict would be greatly increased by local inequalities in taxation. Hence all politicians and all citizens should understand clearly that no party can live long, no kind of industry can prosper and grow to its natural limits, and no Government can be successful at home or abroad, without equal and uniform taxes. The guess-and-grab plan of taxation is the shortest road to repudiation of the national debt.

The Uneasy Feeling in Europe.

The latest dispatches from Paris and London indicate the existence of an uneasy feeling in political circles, such as was felt for many months before the outbreak of the German war. That war, as nearly every one who studied its causes or took pains to estimate its results foresaw, solved but one or two points of the European problem. It gave to Italy a coveted province—all indeed that she had failed to achieve at Villafranca. It gave all the unity to North Germany which was attainable by mere force of arms. It wrested from Austria the Presidency of the Federal States. It created a sovereignty in place of that Presidency, and it made WILLIAM of Prussia the head of a strong consolidated monarchy without the incumbrance of petty principalities, aiming to hold coördinate authority, and ambitious to figure as equals in the Federal Diet. It was a gigantic step toward the reconstruction of Europe. But it was in no sense a crowning act. It showed rather what was possible to be done, than made it clear that an *ultimatum* had been presented. The Treaty of Prague was a truce, and nothing more. It as little partook of the nature of a permanent settlement as did the hasty peace which followed the battle of Solferino. That peace was delusive, as every one felt it to be when the treaty was signed. Italy was not content. Those disinterested lookers-on who had hoped and prayed for Italian unity knew that the expedient was one of a temporary kind, and that the antagonism of centuries was only rendered stronger and more bitter by the suspension of hostilities which the intervening authority of France had brought about. It was the same when the battle of Sadowa, following the virtual surrender of the Venetian Provinces which Austria proposed to the Emperor of the French, made an end to Austrian supremacy in the German States. Prussia had gained too much in too brief a time to be content with the results which her prowess had won. She had wiped out the Kingdoms of Saxony and Hanover. She had declared against the existence of the free cities of the federation, and the wealthiest and most pretentious of them all she had put under such tribute as no conquering power since the time of the first NAPOLEON had conceived to be possible. She had not only driven her rival out of her position as the head of Federal Germany, but she had made that rival contribute to the expenses incurred in the spoliation. She claims all the rights and titles won by the Austro-Prussian victories achieved in war for possession of the Danish Principalities. And she had thrown down the challenge to France by substituting a Prussian force for the federal contingent in the great fortress of Luxemburg.

These, in brief, were the grand results of the German struggle of 1866. It was measurably a European struggle, inasmuch as it changed the leadership of Central Europe, and raised Italy from the position of an inferior State to that of a Power which should hereafter claim a voice in the councils of the leading Governments. But the German struggle, from the simple fact of its assuming the proportions of a contest for the territorial readjustment of Europe, failed to reach that end. It left the balance of power essentially where it was, except that Prussia stepped into the place of Austria, with much more than Austria's ambition or her power of provoking the jealousy and the hostility of other States. The new international relations created by the Treaty of Prague were of such a character that France especially could not be indifferent to them. The Emperor of the French had mixed himself up so far in the conflict that he had made France a partisan of Austria in the very heat of the conflict. He had undertaken to define the limits beyond which BISMARCK and his royal master should not pass. He had found his advice contemned and his assumed right of intervention scorned. He had seen a three months' struggle win for Prussia a rank which made her territorially and otherwise the peer of France, either in the field or in council. And he had succeeded, as he had never done before since his election as President of the French Republic, in convincing the people of France that war was desirable—that it was necessary if the honor of the nation was to be upheld, and that the Empire might safely discard its motto of "Peace"—at least long enough to make Prussia amenable to the judgment of neighboring Powers. The distraction of the Paris Exhibition; the temporary suspension of belligerent movements which the Treaty of London brought about; the legerdemain of bringing the leading sovereigns to Paris have all served a purpose—an important purpose. They have diverted to a certain degree the attention of France and of Europe from the fact that every gun factory in the country was as full of orders as it could hold; that the Emperor's Government has the power, and is using it as it has probably never been used before under the present reign, to raise the effective strength of the army to little short of a million of men; and that a sharp and threatening correspondence has been going on between Paris and Berlin since the day that the Treaty of London was signed. The pretext for that correspondence is the new attitude which Prussia assumes in the disposition of the Schleswig question. The real inspiration of the correspondence is the prevailing sentiment in France—alike among Orleanists and Bonapartists and Liberals—that the Government and people of France have been snubbed by Prussia; first, during the progress of the war, when Austria's appeal for the intervention of NAPOLEON was answered by the thunders of Sadowa; next, when the Emperor's demand for an equivalent for Prussia's territorial acquisitions was met by the reinforcement of the garrison of Luxemburg. That sentiment the Emperor of the French finds it convenient to recognize and to bow before. Its recognition will be a distraction from the accumulating perplexities of the Mexican question; and it is on these grounds chiefly that a new European war may be said to be foreshadowed.

MINOR TOPICS.

An article in this morning's TIMES on the progress of building in the City sets forth the facts about the recent downfall in the price of building material, the demand and supply of labor, the locality of buildings projected or in course of erection, and other points of interest. It is estimated that there are about one thousand buildings in course of erection in this City at the present time. A large number of private residences of first-class style are going up, the cost being the last thing taken into consideration, as many of the owners are willing to expend from $100,000 to $200,000. At the same time, tenement-houses are being rapidly built in those parts of the City where they are most available for the less fortunate classes. We are glad to hear that labor is more abundant, and that, as the prices of the necessaries of life have fallen somewhat, the workmen evince no disposition to resort to "strikes." Altogether the prospect is that our citizens will be less crowded next year than they are this, and at the same time the demands for rent will probably be less extravagant.

As it is certain that a greater number of people have left the City this Summer than ever before, while at the same time the fashionable watering places complain that they have fewer visitors than ever before, it has been quite a mystery where "everybody" has gone to. There is no doubt that large numbers, instead of going to their usual Summer resorts, where extortionate charges and fashionable miseries are the only entertainments afforded, have gone off to the quiet rural retreats, friendly farmhouses and heavenly hamlets, located among the hills of New-England and among the hills of Pennsylvania, as well as in Jersey and our own State. In very many such regions, we hear of the appearance of large numbers of city people, with their families, who take to enjoying themselves in right good earnest and in true country style, amid the glorious woods and upon the purple hills, and beside the crystal streams, &c., &c., and among a community which does not require that they shall dress themselves in the height of pretension and discomfort twice or thrice every day. Considerable numbers of our citizens have gone to Europe, and considerable numbers to the new "Dominion," but we can only account for the great body of our absentees by crediting what the rural papers and correspondents tell us of the swarms of New-Yorkers who are making their appearance in regions where they were never seen before.

During the last week or ten days there has been exposed for sale, and especially in the poorer portions of the City, great quantities of shocking-looking, unripe and unwholesome fruits and vegetables. The peaches and apples, for example, that have been displayed on the street corners and in stalls, have not only been such as to produce "belly-ache" in every eater, but must, in hundreds of cases, have resulted in colic, cholera morbus, diarrhœa and death. And yet they constitute an almost irresistible temptation to youngsters, so strong are the cravings of their nature for the juicy and acidulous fruits of the earth at this season of the year. A nickel penny, a green peach, a fearful pain, a hopeless prostration, a destruction of life. These are the steps in the history of many a little one in New-York every Summer. The Board of Health has authority to prevent the sale of these deadly fruits, as well as of diseased meats, and it should exercise its powers as promptly as possible.

It is nearly four months since the Grand Jury made a special presentment concerning the condition of the Tombs and the Station-house cells of this City. They denounced the Tombs as disgraceful to the City, disgusting to humanity, and deadly to the poor wretches who happen to be confined there. The cells in most of the Station-houses they characterized in similar language, and some of them they found so shocking as to be almost impenetrable. Now, we should like to know *what has been done* toward rectifying the horrors which the Grand Jury took the trouble to expose before the public and the authorities, and from which many innocent persons suffer in the most aggravated way. Has anything whatever been done, or has the simple fact that the Grand Jury made such a shocking presentment *satisfied everybody?*

The investigation which is going on at Paterson into the alleged cruelties practiced on the inmates of the Almshouse there is revealing circumstances which certainly tend to keep up the popular belief in total depravity. We trust that no attempt will be made at "whitewashing" in the case. It is imperatively necessary to give frequent warnings to those who, possessed of absolute power over a portion of their fellows, abuse that power for the gratification of their own passions or avarice. It is wonderful to observe the brutality that is often developed in those who possess uncontrolled power over others. They require constantly to be reminded that there is law for them, even if there be none for their victims.

We had in yesterday's TIMES a curious and romantic but true narration of the adventures of a party of Fenians who fitted up a vessel and sailed in April last from this port for Ireland, from which they returned a few days since. There were 350 of these bold Fenian adventurers, all picked men, thoroughly armed, and well supplied with warlike stores. They were all believers in the oft-repeated statement that the people of Ireland were ripe for revolution, and that if an organized body of troops, capable of forming the nucleus of an army, were to land on any part of the Irish soil and raise the green flag, the entire country would rush to their support. Well, our adventurous Fenians got to the Irish coast in safety, touched at different points, and landed an armed force at the most promising locality. But alas! nobody gathered round them, or knew anything of them or their project, or cared anything at all about them. And so, after a series of mishaps, misfortunes and daring attempts, in which a number of them were captured, the bark *Plato* has returned to New-York, bearing a body of men who have suffered hardships that they are not willing to repeat, even for the cause of Irish independence. It is well that this attempt has been made; for nothing else would have convinced the Fenians in this country of the hopelessness of an Irish revolution.

While we are very glad to hear that the account of the late fire on the steamer *Drew* was "greatly exaggerated," we hope that its lesson will not be lost. The fire was caused, as the corrected story goes, by sparks falling upon a heap of kindling-wood. The question is, what business kindling-wood has near the boiler? The custom of having wood about the boiler is a very bad one. Even the "wood-work" itself, to which the fire communicated, ought not to have been there; iron ought to be used in such places. The fact that kindling-wood is useful to light the fires is no excuse for piling it where it becomes kiln-dried from the intense heat radiating from the boiler, and where, as we have seen, it is exposed to ignition from sparks. The necessity for lighting the fires does not prove a necessity for burning the boat. In a broader view, this slight accident to the *Drew* gives us a hint that no legislative interference will be adequate, by stringent statutes, to prevent disasters on steamboats. The most minute and manifold provisions could not foresee all cases, and stupidity would be sure to blunder on the very points excepted.

Strange and unreasonable as were the eight-hour strikes in the West, nothing has happened that so completely shows the folly of the principle of strikes as the great "Lockout," as it is called, just closed in the iron regions of Pennsylvania. In December, 1866, now nearly eight months ago, the price of iron had fallen so much that the proprietors of the rolling mills notified their puddlers that they would not be able to pay them $9 per ton, as heretofore. The puddlers struck work, the number growing from one mill to another until 700 of them were in voluntary idleness, which forced the stoppage of many mills and the throwing out of employment of about 3,000 men, miners, molders and various kinds of laborers dependent on the puddlers for work. Finally, after eight months of idle defiance, they have made a "compromise" with the proprietors, by which, from the 1st to the 17th of August, they are to receive $9 per ton, and after that there will be a reduction in wages proportionate to the price of iron. That is to say, they have lost their seven months and a half, and gained absolutely nothing. And, although some 2,000 were taken into employment about the 1st of April, the aggregate of wages that would have been paid to all those who have been unemployed at the very low average of $3 per day, is $2,892,000—nearly three millions of dollars thrown away and *nothing* to show for it—nothing, because the "compromise" is simply a wordplaster upon the wounded false pride of the Iron Workers' Association. In the "great struggle between capital and labor," labor must find some more skillful strategy, or the battle will invariably go against it. Force is the last resort of a wise General; the champions of labor seem inclined always to make it the first.

The establishment of an Experimental Farm in Washington, under the supervision of the Agricultural Department, is in good progress, the soil having been already put under cultivation, so as to yield handsome crops of corn, clover, fruits and vegetables. It remains now to be seen whether this experiment is to be a field for the development of all kinds of fantastic notions, or whether it will be carefully and scientifically used for the working out of facts useful to the country. Among the improvements it has been deemed necessary to make is the erection of suitable buildings for the use of the Department, the contracts for which have already been awarded, and the plans determined upon. The main building will be 171 feet long and nearly 70 feet high, and promises to add another to the fine public edifices of Washington. When these shall have been completed, when the grounds shall have been laid out and beautified with fish-ponds, aviaries, walks, &c., and the farm itself brought into a condition to be readily utilized in experimenting upon such acclimatizations of foreign growths or scientific improvements of domestic plants as shall be thought desirable, the establishment will be in a state to be judged. Meanwhile we can only chronicle its gradual progress and wish for its permanent success.

Rainy Saturdays and, for that matter, rainy Wednesdays, too, have been so frequent of late as to make one commiserate the unfortunate citizens who rely for their music on the concerts in Central Park. Favoring afternoons have been the exception this Summer, and last Saturday adhered to the rule instead of the exception. We were reminded of an older epoch in New-York annals, when "up town" was where "down town" is now, and when the free popular music was not a Central Park concert, but the dulcet strains dispensed by a band of performers perched up in front of SCUDDER'S Museum. That temple of wonder and minstrelsy occupied a wing of the old Almshouse, not far from the site of the new City Hall. As HALLECK sang of it:

"Once 'the old Almshouse,' now a school of wisdom,
Sacred to SCUDDER'S shells and Dr. GRISCOM."

According to the same authority, in the poem of *Fanny*, we are told that "Music ceases, when it rains, in SCUDDER'S balcony." Thus it is clear that the patrons of public music to-day only suffer the fate of those of a former generation, and that rain was then, as now, the enemy of free popular concerts. Let this historic fact furnish consolation to the frequenters of Central Park.

The *Express* was pleased the other day because we said it was "happy." Let us go one step further. The *Express* has been making itself *merry* over our allusion to the Sultan's being "at home where he could get a fresh supply of Nile water," and suggests that he would be more likely to bathe in the Bosphorus. Perhaps the *Express* cannot be expected to know much about the sacred lore of any land; but we will suggest to its recollection that, while the salt waters of the Bosphorus may be handy to the palace of ABDUL AZIZ, no water but that of the sacred Nile is considered holy enough to bathe the person of the Defender of the Faithful—the Vicegerent of the great Prophet. And, as the European papers had particularly mentioned that the Sultan brought with him to Paris a tank of *Nile water*, we simply thought it a matter of congratulation that His Majesty had got back to where he could have his tank freshly refilled. Waters from infidel shores to wash a Moslem! Ugh!

In the great debates which have lately been going on in the House of Lords, as well as in the Commons, on the Reform Bill, the political condition and popular institutions of the United States have been constantly referred to by nearly all the speakers on both sides. Some have held us up as an example; others as a warning: some have spoken of our Republican system as adapted to this country, but utterly out of place in England; while in regard to a number of institutions, some have been willing to see even a more direct form of democracy in England than exists among us. It is gratifying to observe that on all hands a far better comprehension of our political affairs has been displayed than ever before in the British Parliament. It is evident that the public men of Great Britain have been studying our Constitution, and the historical development of our Government, and the operations of our Administration very closely during the last few years.

No one who looks at the map of our Pacific Coast-line, and observes the way in which our northern boundary is separated from our newly-acquired Russian domain, by a small section of British territory, will doubt that some time or other our Government will make a very strenuous effort to obtain possession of the latter. It may be now, or it may be years hence, but the matter is too evidently one of "manifest destiny" to be forever postponed. Already something like informal negotiations have been attempted by our Government; and though they may be stopped for the time being, it is too soon yet to pronounce them a "failure." If Secretary SEWARD do not consummate the affair before the expiration of his term of office, he will at least, we believe, have put it in such shape that it can be all the more easily managed by his successor.

"The United States of Australia have at last met in Congress"—so says a recent number of the *Australian News*. Representatives from Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and New-Zealand assembled at Melbourne on the occasion. The meeting was ostensibly for the purpose of having the mail service arranged to the advantage of the colonies; but, important as this matter is, it alone could scarcely be sufficient to warrant such an exhibition of statesmanship. Theoretically, their instructions might be limited to a particular point, but practically they were expected to improve the occasion by discussing every topic in which the members of the Australian group are reciprocally interested. These ideas we get from the *Australian News* itself, and it appears, by the phraseology used, and by the designation of the "United States of Australia" that a preeminent importance was given to the Congress, in some of its bearings, by the colonists. This assemblage inevitably reminds us of the inter-colonial bodies that met in this country prior to independence, and though the Australian colonies do not meet to complain of grievances or discuss measures of redress, yet there is no doubt that the tendency of such meetings is to prepare the way for the independent existence to which Australia is rapidly advancing.

TOWN TOPICS.

An additional, though entirely unnecessary, argument in favor of gates at our ferries was furnished by the sad accident chronicled in yesterday's TIMES. An unknown man, who had been sleeping in the ferry-house at the foot of Cortlandt-street waiting for the incoming boat, awoke and in a half somnolent condition walked toward the foot of the bridge. Nothing in his manner betrayed intoxication or insanity, and interference with him might very properly be considered impertinence. He continued his walk, and stepped from the bridge, never to be seen alive again. As though he had struck some solid, stunning substance, he lay for a moment on the surface of the water, and then by the strong current formed by the approaching boat and the tide combined was drawn under and was not seen again. All the activity and interest of the ferry company *then* was useless, but had gates been placed at the head of the bridge or elsewhere, as convenience and experience might suggest, this life would have been saved, and this argument unneeded. The rush of the passengers at the Fulton Ferry is sometimes exceedingly dangerous. Hundreds of people struggle to get on, while other hundreds struggle to get off. If the chains that hold the bridge should break, if a panic should seize the crowd and the tussle should become a fight, who can tell the result? Clearly it is quite time that some one took hold of these matters in earnest, and surely the good sense and strong arm of the public would abundantly sustain and indorse him.

It must be pleasant to live, or rather to die, in Kings County "about this time." We learn that an exciting little combat is being raged in that Churchly district over the bodies of deceased parties, between the representatives of the Board of Health and the local Coroners—the immediate issue being the right of the Board to issue permits of burial on the certificate of a physician, whether the cause of death be natural or otherwise. The Board of Health, being assured by counsel that they are in the right, have issued permits upon proper application, and the friends of the deceased have, with fitting ceremony, buried their remains in the cemeteries. Indignant at this so-called violation of law, and perhaps a little apprehensive that their "craft was in danger," certain Coroners on fees intent, have disinterred several bodies, held formal inquests upon them, and then resigned them to their mother earth again. As the matter stands it would seem that the Board of Health is charged with just this very duty, and that a refusal on its part to issue a permit on the certificate of a physician would be a misdemeanor for which the law could provide. Divested of all partisan and personal feeling, it must be apparent to every one that such squabbling over dead bodies is at once indecent, disgusting and offensive to every sentiment of propriety. The Courts are open to all, and there the question should be settled. The disinterment of one's dead without a sufficient reason would in some communities breed a disturbance that might end unpleasantly, and compel the attendance of a Coroner from a different section of the country.

Although our local politics are just now rather quiet, our Brooklyn neighbors are ventilating their ambitious hopes and political apprehensions with even more than ordinary excitement. Every man has his slate, and every slate its peculiarities of combination. Thus far all seem to agree upon the probable nomination of ARCHIE M. BLISS as the Republican candidate for Mayor. Prominent among the Democratic names for the position are MARTIN KALBFLEISCH, who has been Mayor and member of Congress; JOHN W. HUNTER, who defeated CHITTENDEN for the short term in Congress, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. JAMES HUMPHREY, and D. D. WHITNEY, who was at one time President of the Board of Aldermen

WASHINGTON.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Special Dispatches of the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Aug. 4.

THE CASE OF MRS. SURRATT.

The recommendation for mercy for Mrs. SURRATT, made by some of the members of the Military Commission which tried the assassination conspirators, has at last been unearthed and reads as follows:

The undersigned, members of the Military Commission detailed to try MARY E. SURRATT and others for the conspiracy and the murder of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, late President of the United States, &c., respectfully pray the President, in consideration of the sex and age of said MARY E. SURRATT, if he can, upon all the facts in the case, find it consistent with his sense of duty to the country to commute the sentence of death which the Court have been constrained to pronounce to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for life. Respectfully submitted.

D. Hunter, Major-General, President; Aug. Kautz, Brigadier and Brevet Major-General; B. S. Foster, Brigadier and Brevet Major-General; James A. Ekin, Brevet Brigadier-General; Charles H. Tompkins, Brevet Colonel and Acting Quartermaster.

The recommendation was drawn up by Hon. JOHN A. BINGHAM, Judge-Advocate, and the following members of the Court refused to sign it: Gens. LEW. WALLACE, A. P. HOWE and T. M. HARRIS and Col. D. R. GLENDENNING. This recommendation is written on a sheet of foolscap, which is joined to the sheet on which the approval of the death-sentence is signed by President JOHNSON, by means of red tape through eight holes at the top of the sheet.

RUMORED RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY STANTON.

Rumors of the resignation of Secretary STANTON have been in circulation for the past two days, based on alleged differences of opinion between him and the President relative to the latter's proposed removals of military commanders in the South. The *Chronicle* of this morning states that the friends of the Administration are offering wagers very freely that he will resign before the first of September.

DEPARTURE OF SENOR ROMERO.

Señor ROMERO's departure, after a lengthy service as Mexican Minister to this Government, is a matter of more than ordinary comment. In diplomatic circles it is asserted that his personal relations with certain officers of our Government are such as to preclude the possibility of his return, although he goes away ostensibly on a leave of absence for the benefit of his health.

COLLECTOR KELLOGG TO BE SUSPENDED.

It is authoritatively announced that the President has decided to suspend Collector KELLOGG, of New-Orleans, on account of charges of malfeasance in office preferred against him by R. KING CUTLER and other prominent politicians from Louisiana. Secretary MCCULLOCH has been directed to issue the necessary order.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Aug. 4.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

It is reported in official circles that should President JUAREZ decline a reëlection to the Presidency of Mexico, he will be sent to Washington as Minister by the new Administration, as a mark of regard for the United States.

The official correspondence relating to the arrest of Gen. SANTA ANNA has been printed. The material facts have heretofore been published.

Mr. SAULNIER, United States Consul at Vera Cruz, under date of June 7, says, in a letter to Commander ROE, yesterday:

"In company with the English Consul, at the request of Gen. SANTA ANNA, we visited him on board the *Virginia*. He entertained us with a long discourse as to his plans, viz.: that after interviews with President JOHNSON and Secretary SEWARD, at their solicitation, he had come here; that they have offered him men and money, and to sustain him; that MAXIMILIAN has offered to deliver the situation of the country to SANTA ANNA, &c., all which I believe to be false. I cannot believe our Government is disposed to disown JUAREZ and take up a man like SANTA ANNA, who has no party in any country; and neither could I believe that our Government will give countenance to filibustering of this nature, &c."

Mr. SEWARD wrote to Mr. SAULNIER, July 1:

"Your dispatches of the 8th and 12th of June (Nos. 43 and 44) have been received, with the history of the arrival of Gen. SANTA ANNA at Vera Cruz in the steamship *Virginia*, his demonstrations made there, and his departure from that port, together with your official proceedings connected with those transactions.

You rightfully apprehended that the proceedings of Gen. SANTA ANNA had no authority from the Government of the United States. This Government has held no communication with him whatever during his residence in our country. His departure was unknown and unthought of when he appeared in the waters of Mexico."

THE SURRATT TRIAL.

Judge PIERREPONT, in his address to the jury yesterday, said:

"When it was suggested, by some of the members of the Military Commission, that in consequence of the age and sex of Mrs. SURRATT it might possibly be right to change her sentence to imprisonment for life, he signed the warrant for her death with the paper right before his eyes."

Judge PIERREPONT must have been misinformed, as the President was not aware until two months ago, through a private source, that any one of the members of the Military Commission joined in a recommendation or a suggestion that the sentence of death passed upon Mrs. SURRATT be commuted to imprisonment. This information was privately given to him before the commencement of the trial of JOHN H. SURRATT. He then denied, as he now denies, that the recommendation or suggestion was ever officially brought to his attention. The nearest approach to it is contained in Judge PIERREPONT's speech of Saturday.

THE REMOVAL OF COLLECTOR KELLOGG.

A paragraph has been published in this city and telegraphed hence that President JOHNSON has decided to remove Mr. KELLOGG, the Collector of the Port of New-Orleans, and has directed Secretary MCCULLOCH to issue the necessary order. There is the best authority for giving to this statement a positive contradiction.

INDIAN MURDERS.

Daring Attack of Indians on Railroad Employes—Seven White Men Killed—Stage Stock Run Off.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

FORT HARKER, Sunday, Aug. 4.

The Indians attacked and killed seven men yesterday, six miles from this post. One of the men was living when first found, but died before reaching this fort. The men killed were laborers on the railroad, and in the employ of CAMPBELL and CLINTON, contractors.

After scalping two of the men, the savages proceeded on to Big Creek stage station, and ran off twenty horses and mules. This was done in daylight, and while exposed to the fire of fifty infantry and a dozen stage employes, at a distance of three hundred yards from them. It is considered the boldest dash the Indians have made.

Capt. AMES, of this post, started immediately in pursuit, and overtook the Indians last night, but found them too numerous to attack with his force, and sent back here for reinforcements, which were forwarded.

Affairs in Canada—Resignation of Gen. Michael—Markets.

MONTREAL, Saturday, Aug. 3.

Gen. MICHAEL, commander of the forces in Canada, has resigned. It is said the position has been offered to Sir FENWICK WILLIAMS.

Three vessels cleared this week for Boston, *viâ* the St. Lawrence. Another is loading for Sydney, Australia, with a cargo of tongued and grooved ten-inch boards.

Money is abundant for good paper at 8 to 10 per cent.

There is a fair business in groceries. Good grades of tea are scarce, and find a ready sale. There is a limited demand for raw sugars at the slight advance made by holders. There is an active demand for cakes, owing to English orders. Fall goods are beginning to arrive freely.

Fire.

MOBILE, Ala., Saturday, Aug. 3.

A fire occurred this morning at No. 131 Dauphin-street, which destroyed one building. The loss is estimated at $20,000; partially insured.

A Union Meeting Broken Up in Kentucky.

CINCINNATI, Sunday, Aug. 4.

A Union meeting at Covington, Ky., which was being addressed by WM. D. GENTRY, a candidate for the Kentucky Legislature, on Saturday evening, was broken up by a mob of rebels, who pelted the crowd, consisting of about 300 persons, with stones and eggs. Pistols were also flourished. Mr. GENTRY ceased speaking and thus avoided bloodshed. The election in Covington to-morrow, for a Representative, will be very close, and the result is doubtful.

NANTUCKET.

The Voyage Thither—Nantucket Architecture—Commodore Foot Astonishing the Islanders—Life in Nantucket—Sea Bathing.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

NANTUCKET, Saturday, Aug. 3, 1867.

It is a five hours' ride from Boston to Hyannis, where the *Island Home* was in waiting to take us to Nantucket. Then came two and a half hours' sail, out of sight of land, over a placid sea—the blue sky merging into the deeper blue of the water, which scarcely rippled its discontent at the strange thing plowing it—swept by gulls whose plaintive cries made the solitude more lonesome. The blissful change from railway racket and dust and cinders made the boat's deck almost a paradise. Instead of cinders we had breezes from the wide Atlantic. And then we watched the lighthouse on Great Point loom whitely into view. And then we rounded Brant Point, with its granite lighthouse, and were in Nantucket Harbor.

The first thing that strikes strangers, as they step on terra-firma, is the quaintness of the houses. For the most part they have high, sloping roofs with one huge chimney in the middle, around which runs a paling, not unlike a picket fence, and this is called "the walk." This fenced portion includes a trap-door with ladder, and affords an outlook upon the sea in all directions. The chimney at the house in which we are staying has eight compartments, each of which would make a moderate-sized chimney for city mansions, and the inclosure around is eighteen feet long by nine feet wide. Nearly all of the dwellings are shingled at the sides, instead of being clapboarded, giving them a singular appearance when old, paintless and weather-beaten.

The element of abolitionism does not seem to enter largely into Nantucket character. Negroes are tolerated on the island, it is true, but are kept at a distance. They have a settlement at the north part called "Guinea," and their church stands in its midst. Not far from Guinea is the oldest windmill on the island, its date, 1746, deeply cut on the rough door-stone. There was a smart breeze the morning we visited it, and the strips of canvas on the vanes bulged like bags of meal as they flew around. There are posts placed around, inside of which it is deemed unsafe to venture, but the mysterious roar inside allured us, and we dodged the flying missiles, only to find a perfectly safe entrance in the rear. The miller was a Portuguese, a sailor for twenty years, who was quite content now to grind corn and lazily watch for ships from sea. He very goodnaturedly explained to us the curious manner of stopping the mill, and afterward stood gossipping of past voyages, unmindful of interrupted business, until at a hint from us he ran forward, seized the nearest vane, and lifted it to catch the breeze. Sociability characterizes the entire population, a readiness for gossip, an eagerness to see strangers, who seldom visit their island by tens or twenties. Indeed, their thoughts, manners and speech are pervaded by the utmost simplicity.

The older of the people retain the primitive Quakerism of their ancestors, without their dignified self-control. They are as easily pleased as children, manifesting their emotions much in the same manner.

The sole entertainment of Nantucketers these last two weeks has been Commodore FOOT and his sister. The house was crowded to repletion on the first night of the performance, and it has been crowded ever since. The little gentleman acknowledges himself to be 25 years old, height about 30 inches. His form is well developed, although his voice is weak and husky. His sister is yet smaller—height 23 inches, age 17 years—a perfect fairy. Tom Thumb must look to his laurels when these folks in miniature visit the large cities. Miss FOOT, in the ballet, is entirely irresistable, and puts "Dollie DUTTON" and the WARRENS quite in the background as regards size and fleetness.

The foundation of the light-house on Brant Point is granite, the upper part is of red brick. There is a magnificent sea view from the top through thick plate windows; the keeper told us that insects annoyed him considerably by striking against the panes, but that morning the panes were polished as bright as those of any drawing-room in New-York. The lamp is about three feet in circumference, that is, the lantern containing the lamp, and it shone like silver. The keeper has also been a sailor, as indeed have been most of the men on the island. Every few steps one "runs afoul" an old salt with weather-beaten face and uncertain gait, who sings out in a cheery voice, as if from the deck of a whaler. Every morning we are awakened by three stamps at the foot of the stairway and a stentorian cry, "All hands ahoy!" And then we rise, laughing, and go down to breakfast with the Captain.

The Captain is a jovial fellow of 55 years or thereabouts, who has made nine voyages as mate and master of a whaler, and who at last has settled down for a green old age. A lazy life here on land, it seems to me. To watch the boat come into the harbor every afternoon, to go to the Post-office for occasional letters, to read the Boston *Advertiser* every evening, with, perhaps, a game at euchre with a neighboring sailor; to "turn in" (as he phrases it) at 9 o'clock and "turn out" at 5 in the morning, these make up the sum of daily living, and is scarcely less monotonous than the life at sea. It is very pleasant to walk to the open fish market early in the morning with the Captain. A large table at one end of the street corners, surrounded by a dozen fishermen, with sword-fish neatly cut in slices—bluefish and scuppa, (I can find no two persons who spell this word alike, and while I am certain that my own spelling can hardly be correct, I am equally certain that the fish are hardly to be surpassed in excellence, even by the firm, white sweetness of sword-fish,) and a bundle of tiny wooden spears, with which purchasers carry off their selection. We followed a fisherman down to the wharf to look at some sword-fish. They were covered with sails, and divested of heads and tails, looked not unlike small hogs lying side by side. The sword, from which they gain their name, is often four feet long, and is dreaded by fisher men, as it sometimes pierces a boat. We saw also the great iron hooks with which they fish for sharks.

We are not in season for the cod, but bluefishing is carried on quite extensively for the New-York markets. They fish for these also from the south shore, and with the best success when there is an angry surf. The hook is long, fish-shaped, and attached to a long line which the fisherman adroitly slings from his shoulder, harpooning the crested breakers. When the roar is loudest, and the foam the whitest, the fish bite the readiest, though the poor fisherman's patience is surprising, standing hour after hour sometimes, slinging and drawing in the long line over the sands without a bite. They only receive one cent a pound for them when caught, but he added by way of qualifying the meagreness of his reward, "We frequently catch thirty or forty before breakfast." They weigh seven or eight pounds a piece.

There is a magnificent sweep of surf at the south shore—mile after mile of breakers rushing impotently toward us, casting up as if for taunt its wealth of weeds at our very feet. Its stealthy creep is fascinating; it looks yet afar off; it cannot surely surmount this high hillock, its own breastwork of sand; it rushes on in a greenish white line of foam, when, before you think to turn and run it is upon you, sweeping up its paltry barrier triumphantly, and your feet are drenched in foam, your face is wet with spray, you are awed by the too near approach of the ocean. There is no bathing at the south shore, the undertow is too strong; boats can land only in the calmest weather; and the inhabitants tell you of many wrecks; this is the majesty, the sublimity, the terrible and mighty solitude of the ocean.

Several varieties of sea moss were strewn around; large bunches of the kelp-bean, which are worn for beads here, bleached crabs imbedded in sand, limpet shells and perriwinkles and scollops. One sea clam I found, the shells of which are used by the women as skimmers and soup ladles. On our way from the beach we hailed a carman with an empty cart, and he gave us ropes to hold on by as we jolted along. There are no springs to these carts, the ancient name of which is "calash." They are two-wheeled with narrow sides, and they turn up to deposit a cargo, like hand-barrows. They could carry 2,200 pounds of coal. The carman had also been a sailor, and he drove out of his course to take us down to his garden—in the middle walk of which was the figure-head of a Prussian ship wrecked off this coast many years ago. It was the figure of a woman, almost life-size, and he had trained luxuriant vines of the morning glory around it.

The favorite resort of the townspeople during the Summer months is Liasconset, seven miles distant. The tiniest of cottages may here be found and rented for one month or one year; mere huts in outward ward appearance, yet containing three or four pleasant rooms. A long line of these huts are perched on the cliffs overlooking the sea, and look like great ungainly birds ready for a flight.

The sea is slowly but surely eating the land at this point; a gentleman told me that it had wasted one-half mile during the last sixteen years: "When I first came here there was a row of houses beyond these, but they have all disappeared long ago." It is true the sea restores at other points what it takes from this, yet not in the same proportion.

It is pleasant, after a dinner of fish at the Atlantic House, to wander on the sandy beach and watch the fishermen taking blue fish; watch the rising of the tide and the boys dancing in the surf; and watch the kelp glistening on the sand. The loveliest sea mosses are found here, as well as sea eggs and starfish, and rough-backed crabs, known as "Cape Cod Ministers."

I found a little gull on the sand, too weak or young to fly—downy as a mouse. It uttered a plaintive cry when picked up, but seemed not afraid. Perhaps its weakness destroyed instinctive fear. The parent birds circled round and round, calling, and I left it on the sands, to be succored or not, as chance should direct.

Perhaps the greatest curiosity in all the island is the jaw of a sperm-whale, brought back from the Pacific Ocean by Capt. CASE. Its length is seventeen and a half feet; the teeth, numbering forty-six, are all in their sockets, and it took twelve men to lift it. One can easily believe these sea-dogs' thrilling accounts of losing men down such ponderous jaws. Stories of blubber may yet be stories of truth. As, for instance, one master of a whaling-vessel told me he had bailed eighteen barrels of oil from the top of a whale's head—liquid oil.

But the palmy days of the whaling business are past. Of the hundreds of ships formerly out "doing business on the great waters," only seven are now away. The kerosene oil is partly responsible for this remarkable decrease; and swift-following disasters at sea during late years have induced a growing distinclination for the perilous trade.

There is considerable talk now current regarding the approaching camp meeting at Marsha's Vineyard, of which more anon. L. W.

CONNECTICUT.

A Glance at Norwalk—Its Inhabitants—Politics—Music—Base Ball, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NORWALK, Conn., Saturday, Aug. 3, 1867.

That the inhabitants of this venerable town have applied to the State Legislature, at its present session, for the passage of an act incorporating Norwalk as a city, would seem to give a degree of importance to the place warranting even a liberal trespass upon the space in the columns of the TIMES for a friendly notice. From a glance at the *Geographical Gazeteer*, the reader will learn that Norwalk is situated about fifty miles from New-York, upon Long Island Sound; if history is consulted it will be found that the village, as it was in the days of the Revolutionary War, was burned by the British troops under Gen. TRYON; while upon the pages of one of the earliest numbers of this newspaper, published more than fifteen years ago, are recorded the particulars of one of the most frightful railroad disasters that ever occurred in this country. These bare points are, perhaps, all that the general reader, with few exceptions, is familiar with, regarding one of the oldest towns in the "land of steady habits."

South Norwalk and Norwalk proper, or, as it is familiarly known, "up town," boast of an aggregate population of about 11,000 persons, who entertain strong hopes of soon being united under the dignified title of a city. The political complexion of a large majority of the male inhabitants is Republican, of the conservative school; and, be it said to their credit, as many of the gentler sex, in this as in all other important matters, follow the superior judgment of their protectors, and would doubtless, if the right of suffrage were conferred upon them, (which they do not seem to desire,) vote the right ticket, and thus help greatly the cause of right and human progress.

South Norwalk is the stopping-place of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, as well as of the steamer *Nelly White*, that plies daily between here and New-York. The boat route by the Sound seems to be preferred to the dusty, smoky car travel; and as there is very little difference in the time, the steamer is liberally patronized by the traveling public. The Danbury Railroad trains leave the depot daily, morning and evening.

Norwalk proper is situated about two miles above the depot, the two places being connected by a line of horse cars that have been in operation for nearly four years. The company having the line under management enjoy the favor of the citizens, and need only to substitute a courteous and obliging second official for the present incumbent of the post of honor to make the popularity of the road complete. Along the route of the horse railroad are to be seen some of the finest residences in the State. One of these, now in the course of erection by Mr. LE GRAND LOCKWOOD, a well-known Wall-street stock broker, will cost, with the grounds, nearly two millions of dollars, and when completed, will stand with scarcely a rival in the United States. The designs were furnished by an eminent European architect, who has planned many of the palatial residences beyond the great pond.

Speaking of the two towns as one, I will say that Norwalk contains nine churches, four hotels, two banks, and one newspaper office. The Norwalk *Gazette* is a neat and readible paper of the Radical stripe with a paying list of subscribers. The streets are neatly laid out, and brightly lighted by gas of a superior quality, generally, to that of New-York.

On Sunday afternoon, the 17th, the corner-stone of a new Roman Catholic Church, St. Mary's, corner of West-avenue and Chapel-street, was laid with the usual imposing ceremonies. Nearly three thousand persons were present, including large delegations of the members of St. Joseph's Benevolent Society, St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society, The Cadets of Temperance and a Society from Westport—all in full regalia. A large number of Sunday-school children, and a sprinkling of Protestants were also in attendance. Right Rev. F. P. MCFARLAND, Bishop of Hartford, officiated, assisted by Rev. Messrs. DAILY of New-Britain, O'BRIEN of New-Haven, O'NEIL of Stamford, SYNOTT of Bridgeport, TIERNEY of Providence, and GAFFNEY of Stamford. The Bishop's address was eloquent as it was appropriate, but its close was hastened by the approach of a heavy rain-storm, that drove the ceremonialists to the shelter of their homes. The new church will cost about $100,000, and is to be built of native blue granite, trimmed with gray at the openings. It is to have a tall, commanding spire, and will be, altogether, a most beautiful and imposing edifice.

Norwalk is about to take lessons from New-York, in two matters, among others. One of these is the co-operative store system. The agitation of the subject by the NEW-YORK TIMES and other leading journals has attracted the attention of the people here, and it is highly probable that in a short time this advantageous plan will be in full operation. It is also contemplated by the residents to have a series of out-door Summer concerts in one of the larger suburban parks. Your Central Park musical entertainments have awakened a like interest here.

A great many visitors are here for the season from New-York and elsewhere, who are attracted hither by the unsurpassed enjoyments of the place. The beautiful drives leading out of the town are daily frequented by the *élite*, whose elegant equippages and outfits do honor to their owners. Boating and fishing are also extensively indulged in, and moonlight as well as sunlight excursions are of everyday occurrence.

The mania for playing at base-ball has reached this place, and now nearly every little boy of three years of age and upward is connected with a "club" that plays regularly once or twice a day. Older persons are scarcely less enthusiastic, and matches between rival organizations are of frequent occurrence. On Thursday a very interesting game was played between Liberty Club of Norwalk, and American of Bridgeport, resulting in the overwhelming defeat of the latter, the score showing 37 runs for Liberty and 6 for the vanquished ones. The Byington grounds, where the contest took place, were largely attended, and the excitement was unabated during the three hours continuance of the match.

In a future letter I propose to speak of the manufacturing enterprises of the place. B. B. S.

A. H. Stephens' Political Views.

In an article relating to ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS' present position in relation to national affairs, the Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* says he is not responsible for ideas purporting to come from him unless under his name or by his sanction, and adds:

"At the proper time, the people of Georgia will hear from him whom they always delighted to honor and in whom they still confide. We believe that time to be not far distant, and pray that Heaven may vouchsafe him the necessary strength and illumination to make his words worthy of himself and worthy of his country."

SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT.

Order of Gen. Sickles Providing for Immediate Registration.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT, CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. —, 1867.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 65.—*Regulations for Registration.*—1. Registration shall commence immediately upon the promulgation of this order.

2. Post Commanders will be responsible heads of Registration within their respective commands, exercising, in addition to the functions hereinafter specially conferred, a general supervising authority, looking to the faithful execution of the several Reconstruction Acts, the maintenance of order, and the protection of political rights. They will suspend registrars for malfeasance in office, neglect of duty, or incompetency, promptly reporting their action, with their reasons therefor, to these headquarters.

3. The Boards of Registration are empowered and required to suppress all disorders threatening with the execution of their duties, to enjoin the arrest and confinement of all persons falsely taking the oath prescribed, all persons committing any breach of the peace or conducting themselves in a manner leading thereto, and all persons who shall threaten or otherwise attempt to intimidate, or corruptly or improperly influence any citizen offering to register; and for this purpose they may apply for aid to the Post Commander, and may require the attendance and services of sheriffs, their deputies, constables, policemen, and also of any citizen; and all State, district, county and town officers charged with the preservation of the public peace, as well as all citizens, are required to obey the orders of said Boards, given in pursuance of the authority aforesaid and to perform all such acts and duties as may be requisite therefor. All arrests made as herein provided will be promptly reported to the Post Commander, to whom also the prisoners will be turned over with charges for trial by a Post Court, to be organized as provided in circular of May 15, 1867, from these Headquarters, and any civil officer or citizen failing to respond to the call of the Board for assistance will be dealt with in like manner.

4. Whenever any citizen shall suffer injury in person, family or property, while exercising or seeking to exercise the right of registration, in addition to any penalty prescribed by law for the offence, damages shall be awarded to the injured party against the perpetrator, upon his conviction; and in case of default in payment of the same, or of the escape of the offender, if it shall appear that the wrong was countenanced, or the offender harbored or concealed by the neighborhood, or that the civil authorities failed to employ proper measures to preserve the peace, the damages shall be assessed against and paid by the town, county, or district.

5. Offences perpetrated by white persons disguised as blacks, being of frequent occurrence, the attention of all authorities, civil and military, is directed to the device, as one adopted to escape detection, and to cast unmarried obloquy upon the colored people. In all cases, when resort thereto shall be shown, the fact will be taken into consideration as aggravating the offence.

6. Depriving a citizen of any right, benefit or advantage of hire or employment, to discourage him from registering, or on account of his having registered, on having sought to register, shall be an offence punishable by the Post Court, and shall entitle the injured party to damages against the offender, any clause in any contract or agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

7. The act of Congress entitled "An Act for the more efficient government of the rebel states," and the several acts supplementary thereto, will be carefully observed by all Boards of Registration.

10. Each Board shall determine the order in which the registration shall take place in the several election precincts, that may be assigned to it by the Post Commander, and the time which shall be allotted to each—bearing in mind that the whole work is to be finished before the first day of October.

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14. Two citizens shall be admitted within the bar as challengers, whose duty it shall be to challenge the right of any citizen offering to register, upon any of the grounds of disqualification enumerated in the acts of Congress before cited; but the general right of challenge shall be conceded to all citizens present.

15. If any challenge be made, the Board shall, before final decision, examine the person presenting himself for registration, in reference to the cause of disqualification alleged, and shall hear any evidence that may be offered, to substantiate or disprove the cause of challenge, and shall have power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and administer oaths in any case of registration.

Boards will take notice that it is enacted by section 6 of the act of July 19, 1867, that the true intent and meaning of the oath prescribed in said supplementary act is, among other things, that no person who has been a member of the Legislature of any State, or who has held any executive or judicial office in any State, whether he has taken an oath to support the Constitution of the United States or not, and whether he was holding such office at the commencement of the rebellion, or had held it before, and who has afterward engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof, is entitled to be registered or to vote; and the words "executive or judicial office in any State" in said oath mentioned, shall be constructed to include all civil offices created by law for the administration of any general law of a State, or for the administration of justice.

22. It is enjoined upon all Boards of Registration to explain, carefully, to all citizens who have not hitherto enjoyed the right of suffrage, the nature of the privileges which have been extended to them, and the importance of exercising with intelligence the new and honorable franchise with which they have been invested by the Constitution of the United States.

23. Boards will take notice that according to section 10 of the act of July 19, 1867, they are not to be bound in their action by any opinion of any civil officer of the United States.

24. Boards are instructed that all the provisions of the several acts of Congress cited are to be liberally construed, to the end that all the intents thereof be fully and perfectly carried out.

25. The attention of all concerned is directed to the requirements of section 4 of the said act of July 19, 1867, by which it is made the duty of the Commanding General to remove from office all persons who are disloyal to the Government of the United States, or who use their official influence in any manner to hinder, delay, prevent or obstruct the due and perfect administration of the Reconstruction Acts. The names of all such offenders will be reported through the Post Commanders; and all persons in this military district are called upon to aid and facilitate the execution in good faith of the said acts and the orders issued in pursuance thereof.

26. The Major-General Commanding, in the exercise of an ultimate revisory authority, will, in due season, before the holding of any election, entertain and determine questions assigning errors in the registry, and will, upon inspection of the completed lists, cause corrections of the same, that the true design and purpose of the laws be faithfully answered, and that all the rights thereby guaranteed be fully and fairly enjoyed.

By command of

Major-Gen. D. E. SICKLES.

J. W. CLOUS, Captain Thirty-eighth U. S. Infantry, A. D. C. and A. A. A. G.

Politics in California—San Francisco Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Aug. 3.

Gov. BIDWELL positively declines the Independent Union nomination for Governor, and advises the election of the whole Union ticket. The Independent Committee is now in session to nominate another candidate. Mr. GORHAM is gaining ground. There is no division in the Union ranks on the Congressmen.

The steamship *Montana* grounded in a fog off the harbor yesterday, but got off safely.

Legal-tenders, 72¼@72¾. Sales of Wheat at $1 82 @$1 82½.

The ships *Governor Morton*, for Liverpool, and *Rattler*, for Hong Kong, have sailed.

A Boy of Fifteen Murdered by His Companion.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Sunday, Aug. 4.

To-day two lads, aged about 15 years, named THOMAS SULLIVAN and MATTHEW CAHILL, while returning from Sunday-school, got into an altercation, and SULLIVAN stabbed CAHILL with a penknife, inflicting a wound from which he died in a few hours. SULLIVAN has been arrested.

The German Singers.

The delegations representing the various German vocal and musical organizations of this city and vicinity, who were engaged in the late Philadelphia Saengerfest, held a convention at the Germania Assembly Rooms to wind up the affairs of the organization. Mr. STEFFEN presided, and an appropriation of two hundred dollars was made, to be presented to the musical leader of the singers, Mr. ARNOLD PAUR, who by his untiring efforts during fifteen rehearsals has succeeded in training the singers to such an extent that most of the prizes for the prize singing at Philadelphia were carried off by New-York societies. Arrangements were made for a grand singer picnic on the 23d of September, for the benefit of the family of Mr. HAGER, a member of the Mozart Verein, who died from injuries sustained at the hands of a gang of rowdies, during a picnic on Long Island. A committee was appointed for that purpose. The Finance Committee reported that the expenses of the organization, in preparing for the late Saengerfest, amounted to $2,501 63; the receipts were only $2,429 75, leaving a deficit of $71 88; $901 were paid for an orchestra, which accompanied the New-York societies to Philadelphia, and the expenses, since the Philadelphia Saengerfest, amounted to $587 96. The organization, which two years ago was established solely for the tenth general Saengerfest, will be dissolved, but, in accordance with a resolution passed at the Philadelphia Fest Convention, a convention of the singing societies of this city and vicinity will be convened in a fortnight for the purpose of electing five delegates to a Congress of New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia singers, who are to meet in Philadelphia, in October, for the purpose of establishing a Union of the German Musical and Vocal Societies of the Eastern States, and to prepare a constitution for the government of the same.

THE TEUTONIA.

The Teutonia Society, a well-known German musical organization of some twenty years standing, held an annual meeting and election of officers a few days since, resulting as follows: President, Mr. Steffen; Vice-President, Mr. Hahn; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Rashall; Financial Secretary, Mr. Schoppler; Treasurer, Joseph Behr; Archivarians, Messrs. Werner and Becker. The Teutonia numbers about three hundred members, of whom about sixty are active singers, whose musical leader is Mr. GROSSMEIR. The Society has resolved to give a Summer night's festival for the benefit of the Frellicrath Fund, which promises to be a fine affair.

Regatta of the Atalanta Boat Club.

The fourth annual regatta of the Atalanta Boat Club, of this City, for the champion silver belt of the club, will come off on Wednesday next, at 4 P. M. It will be a single-scull race, with Messrs. ROAHR, SWAN, WITHERS, MAIDLAND and KNAPP as competitors. The course will be three miles, with one turn, starting from off the New-York Yacht Club House, at Hoboken. Three of the contestants—Messrs. SWAN, WITHERS and ROAHR—will row in new boats. The belt for which the members of the Atalanta Boat Club contend annually is made of sterling silver, and was manufactured in 1864, by Messrs. TIFFANY & Co., at a cost of $200. It is an elegant and tasty affair, and is beautifully engraved with aquatic insignia. Its first holder was ALDEN S. SWAN, who won it in the Autumn of 1864; in 1865 GEORGE ROAHR won it, and in 1866 WILLIAM C. MAIDLAND. A steamer will leave the foot of Christopher-street at 3 P. M. to carry parties to see the race.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

THE RECENT ARREST OF A MURDERER.—The fact that an alleged murderer named THOMAS BUGBY, *alias* Thomas Scott, had been arrested on Saturday was published in yesterday's TIMES. A few additional facts relative to the case have since been ascertained. At a late hour on Saturday PATRICK LAVELLE, a boatman, residing in Rondout, N. Y., caused Bugby's arrest in West-street, and he informed Capt. DILMORE that the prisoner was a boatman about ten years ago, and quarreled at a bridge near the town of Holly, Wayne County, Penn., with a man named PHILIP COLEE, and stabbed him with a knife, from the effects of which wound COLEE died soon after. On this statement the Police retain the accused in custody, and Superintendent KENNEDY has since written to the Pennsylvania authorities to ascertain whether such a homicide was committed about the time stated. The prisoner says he is a longshoreman, and denies that he was ever in the State of Pennsylvania. His story is that about sixteen years ago he and other relatives moved to Clayton County, Iowa, remaining there until April, 1861, when he entered the United States service, in Company F, Sixteenth Regular Infantry, under the command of Capt. BARRY. He claims to have served in that regiment until 1864, participating in the battles of Lookout Mountain and Chattanooga, Tenn., and was discharged on account of a rupture. The prisoner insists that his accuser is mistaken in his identity, and says he will be able to prove an *alibi*.

DROWNED.—About midnight on Saturday a man, supposed to be JOHN LEARY, residing near the Bergen Plank-road, in New-Jersey, walked off the Jersey City Ferry at the foot of Cortlandt-street. He was drowned before aid could be extended, and the remains were not recovered. The deceased wore dark clothes and a dark-blue plaid cap. The latter was picked up, and is now at the Liberty-street Station-house for identification.... JACOB SCHNEIDER, aged 27, and residing in Forty-sixth-street, between First and Second avenues, was accidentally drowned yesterday morning while bathing in the East River, near the foot of Fifty-fourth-street. It is surmised that the deceased was wading and sank in a hole, and was not able to rise again. The remains were not recovered.

INFANTICIDE.—Coroner WILDEY held an inquest yesterday, at the Eighth Ward Station-house, over the body of a male infant child, which was found by HENRY BELMUS, of No. 113 Mercer-street, in the entry of his dwelling. Dr. WOOSTER BEACH, Jr., made a *post-mortem* examination of the body, and found marks of violence on the neck, evidently inflicted by the hand of some unknown person. In accordance with this theory the Jury rendered a verdict of infanticide by strangulation.... The dead body of another infant was found yesterday morning in a cigar-box lying on Pier No. 31, East River, and given into the charge of the Fourth Ward Police. Coroner WILDEY will hold an inquest to-day.

TEMPERANCE.—The following-named persons were installed as officers of Duane Lodge I. O. of G. T. by CHAS. S. SCOTT, D. G. W. C. T., on Saturday evening: James R. Lambly, W. C. T.; Fannie S. Mills, W. V. S.; John M. Whyte, W. S.; Henry Mitchell, W. A. S.; H. D. Randall, W. F. S.; Jennie Knapp, W. T.; L. H. Broom, W. M.; Deborah Fitzgerald, W. D. M.; Chas. Lawson, W. C.; Lizzie Van Deusen, W. G.; E. S. McCormick, W. S.; Robert Knapp, W. R. H. S.; E. Patterson, W. S. S. S. Duane Lodge was organized over a year ago through the efforts of C. S. SCOTT and four others. They now have between 200 and 300 members in good standing.

SUICIDE IN A STABLE.—A young man named WM. H. FORBES, about 24 years of age, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through the right side with a single-barreled pistol. The rash act was committed in the stable of WM. HEADING, in One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-street, between Third and Fourth avenues. The body of the deceased was conveyed to Mr. HEADING's residence near by, and the Coroner notified. Nothing is known as yet regarding the motive for the suicidal act.

JUVENILE STABBING AFFRAY.—About noon yesterday HENRY SHAFER and JOHN BARRY, both boys, and residing at No. 409 Ninth-avenue, quarreled about some trifling matter, which so excited young SHAFER that he procured a common table fork, and plunged it into the head of his opponent, inflicting a severe wound. Officer MILLER, of the Twentieth Precinct, arrested SHAFER, and he was locked up for examination before Justice DODGE, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, this morning.

BURGLAR ARRESTED.—WM. D. HENDRICKS, who keeps a saloon at No. 309 West-street, found JOHN CAMPBELL in the place yesterday afternoon, the lock having been burst off the door. The burglar ran off pursued by HENDRICKS with a revolver, but before he could use the weapon, Officer FERENTY, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, arrested him, and he was locked up for further examination.

BOY DROWNED.—Yesterday afternoon THOMAS SULLIVAN, aged 6 years, was accidentally drowned in a pond on the corner of Fourth-avenue and Sixty-third-street. The body was recovered and removed to the residence of his mother, at No. 163 West Fortieth-street, and Coroner WILDEY duly notified.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Coroner WILDEY was notified yesterday to hold an inquest on the body of ADAM STEINHOLD, aged three years, who died suddenly at the residence of his parents, No. 304 Second-street, from some unknown cause. The inquest will be held to-day.

PARIS EXPOSITION—SEWING-MACHINE AWARDS.—We recently published a brief telegram from Paris, announcing the award to Messrs. WHEELER & WILSON of a gold medal, over eighty-two competitors, for the perfection of their sewing-machines. Following are copies of the official documents confirming the announcement:

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE, PARIS, 1867.

COMMISSION IMPERIALE, CHAMP-DE-MARS, 16 July, 1867.

Mr. E. Hunting, No. 139 Regent-street, London:

DEAR SIR: Replying to your inquiry, I beg to state that the *only Gold Medal* for the manufacture and *perfection of Sewing-Machines and Button-hole Machines*, was awarded to Messrs. WHEELER & WILSON, of New-York. Yours, respectfully,

HENRY F. Q. D'ALIGNY,

Member of International Jury and reporter of same.

DEAR SIR: Replying to your inquiry, I herewith give you the list of gold medals awarded in my class:

DUPUIS ET DUMERY, for Screw Shoe-Machines.

WHEELER & WILSON, New-York, for the manufacture and perfection of their Sewing-Machines and Button-hole Machines.

There is, also, in the list of *"collaborateurs,"* a Gold Medal granted to Mr. Elias Howe, Jr., personally, as *Promoteur* of the Sewing-Machine.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The Grand Ball at the India House—The English Government and Mexico—Eugenie's Visit to Victoria—English Aptitude for Blundering.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, July 20.

The Pasha of Egypt has taken his departure. His coming here at the same time as the Sultan was an awkward affair. They could not be lodged in the same palace; they could not meet on even terms. The coldness of the Sultan toward him was much noticed. He came first to Paris, and first to England. The French and English have both more interest in Egypt than in Turkey. But for the Sultan to meet the Pasha was much like a nobleman going to a ball and finding himself dancing in the same quadrille set with his butler. The Sultan will remain a few days longer. Last night he went to another ball, and to-day he is engaged to see the volunteer review at Wimbledon, in which the Household Troops will also take part. The Belgians went to pay their visit to Miss COUTTS yesterday, and, but for the showery weather, would have had one of the most agreeable days they have spent in England, for the lady does nothing by halves, and a few hundreds, more or less, with money at 1½ per cent., the present rate, are of no consequence.

The ball at the India Office last night was an exclusive Government affair—so exclusive in the distribution of invitations that grumblings have been heard in the House of Commons. The Indian Secretary explained that it was, first of all, an India Ball to the Sultan, paid for by the Indian Government, and they had made the best situation they could. Lords and Commons would have swamped them. They wanted officers of the army and navy, persons interested in India, and people who go to balls. Why invite a lot of dull politicians who do not know the Lancers from the Masourks, and who would get into corners and discuss the probable workings of the Reform Bill. So the ball was managed as a ball can be, with plenty of money and free invitations, and was entirely successful, which will not hinder the non-invited from making as much trouble about it as possible. The arrangements for the ball were on a scale of splendor far beyond any other similar affair this season in London. They sacked the royal palaces for plate and all sorts of splendors. The whole company was in uniforms or court costume. Their names and qualities fill nearly a page of the London *Times*. They were the pick of the Empire—the cream of the cream. What the Queen, from failing health, was unable to do, the India Board has accomplished, in assembling around the Sultan the aristocracy of England in a select assembly. If there is any sincerity left in this world, England and India—the Empire entire, army, navy, nobility and commonalty, are bound to take care of the Sultan and of Turkey, not entirely for their advantage, however, for through Turkey lies the future route to India. A railway of nine hundred miles through the Valley of Antioch and the Euphrates would save a thousand miles in distance, and ten days' time, in the overland passage.

In the House of Lords, last night, Earl DERBY expressed his abhorrence at the unjustifiable judicial murder of MAXIMILIAN; but as the act was not done by a Government recognized by that of England, and as there was no organized Government in Mexico which could be held responsible, no official representation could be made. Not a Government in Europe has sent a Minister to JUAREZ, or is likely to send one. He is to them simply a revolutionary chief, who by this act of murderous revenge has placed himself beyond the pale of civilization.

The charming Empress EUGENIE was invited by Queen VICTORIA to be present at the Naval Review—but as the French Court is in deep morning for MAXIMILIAN, she could not come, but will come over next Tuesday for a private visit of sympathy and condolence at Osborne.

The aptitude of the English for blunders and mismanagement has been shown in many annoying and some amusing ways during these extraordinary festivities. For example, the 2,400 bronze medals struck to present to the Belgian volunteers on their visit to the camp at Wimbledon, bore the curious inscription, "*Vive la Belge*," which could only be considered as a compliment to the *vivandiere* who accompanies them in their visit to London. The Belgians have, however, been invited to exchange their medals for a corrected edition with the motto, "*Vive la Belgique*;" but I much suspect the Belgians will prefer the joke in bronze to the corrected medal.

After the great Orange meetings in the North of Ireland, in some cases attended by 40,000 Orangemen with fifes and drums and banners innumerable, the No Popery party is working to stir up London, in the fashion of Birmingham. There are extraordinary meetings at Exeter Hall, and lectures on the confessional, which, however, are aimed as much at the English Puseyites as the Roman Catholics. But the movement has little sympathy among the educated classes. The Marquis of Westmeath has discovered that there is a Jesuit conspiracy in the reporters' gallery not to report any of his wonderful speeches against Popery, just as there is a similar conspiracy in the House of Commons to laugh down Mr. WHALLEY. Jesuit on the brain is one of the last symptoms of a singular mental disorder which prevails to some extent in England, and always rages fearfully in the North of Ireland. The idea that a few thousand Jesuits, scattered sparsely over the world, and very hard at work teaching in colleges or preaching to Catholic congregations, can endanger the stability of Governments, destroy the peace of families, enter into all sorts of conspiracies and do all sorts of mischief, is one worthy of a lunatic asylum, and a symptom of demented fanaticism. With so many real evils and dangers to society, it is a pity to waste time and effort on those which are purely imaginary.

Among the many enjoyments of this London season, we have had for a great rarity a French dramatic company at the St. James Theatre, which has drawn a constant succession of full and fashionable houses. A curious fact has just come out in regard to it. Of the pieces promised at the commencement of the season, three or four of the most important, great successes at the Français have not been played. The reason is that the English censorship would not allow it. And English journals pretend that there is more freedom in England than in France, when a play by a French author of the first class, which has run a whole season at the first theatre in Paris, cannot be played in London; is prohibited by the arbitrary power of the censorship, which is not even responsible to Parliament.

The French company is not, of course, quite equal to that of the Français, or the other leading Paris theatres, but by the admission of the London critics it is good enough for whole Englishmen to go to school to and learn how to act. For English acting is like English painting—of no school, bad as a rule and good by exception and accident.

MONADNOCK.

The Discovery of the Mines of California.

A correspondent of the San Francisco *Alta California*, who is visiting the interior, in a letter from Coloma says:

"I write from the place where the gold of California was discovered—that is, the great deposit of auriferous wealth which startled the world by its magnitude, and made a new era in commerce and manufactures. Gold was obtained by mining in California before MARSHALL came here. There was a placer in San Francisquito Cavon, forty-five miles northwest of Los Angeles where about $5,000 were obtained annually from 1838 to 1848. The same metal has been found at Santa Isabel, in San Diego County, and on the banks of the Colorado River. These discoveries, however, were of no importance. It was not until the auriferous deposits of the Sacramento Basin were opened at Coloma that the world heard of the mineral wealth of California.

The discoverer was JAMES WILSON MARSHALL, who now lives here. He is 54 years of age, a bachelor, about 5 feet 11 inches high, and slim in figure. I had a long chat with him, and he spoke freely of his adventures and discovery. A native of New-Jersey, he moved to Missouri; thence went in 1844 overland to Oregon; and came in 1845 by way of the Williamette Valley to California. For about a year he worked for SUTTER as carpenter and wagon-maker, and would probably have worked longer, but the revolt of the American north of the Bay soon found him in the ranks of the Bear Flag Party, and when the Stars and Stripes were hoisted he volunteered in the California Battalion, and served as a soldier until March 1847, when he returned to New-Helvetia. He found SUTTER anxious to build a saw-mill. There was a demand for lumber at the Sandwich Islands, and nothing else that could be produced at or near Sutter's Fort would at all times command cash. MARSHALL, being a universal Yankee genius, took charge of the matter, discovered that Coloma—distant fifty miles and only 800 feet above the sea—had water-power and timber, and was accessible by wagons without any expense for road making—though others who had been out searching said no such place could be found. On the 19th of August SUTTER and MARSHALL entered into partnership. SUTTER was to furnish the money, and MARSHALL was to be superintendent manager of the erection of the mill, and of its workafter construction. About the last of August he moved up to the place. They built a camp, commenced work on the mill, and on the 19th of January following were washing out a mill-race, when MARSHALL saw in the water something yellow, which he picked up. It was about half as large as a white bean, and upon looking at it he was satisfied it was gold. He showed it to the men at the mill, and they did not believe it was gold. At any rate none knew any thing of gold mining, and they continued to work at the mill for several months, though they would frequently search for the precious metal and find pieces of it. On the 28th of February SUTTER visited Coloma for the first time; and he, like most of the others, attached little importance to the gold. It was not until April that every other occupation was abandoned for mining. In that month, ISAAC HUMPHREY, who had worked in the placers of Georgia, having seen some of the nuggets in San Francisco, came to Coloma, satisfied himself in a few hours, by prospecting, that the diggings were very rich, made a rocker, and went to work with brilliant success. The others saw his mode of operation, followed his example, and had like success. As the news spread, everybody in California rushed to the place, and for a time everything, save mining, was neglected.

MARSHALL was not a successful miner. He was in dustrious, economical, temperate, but somehow the richest claims fell into the hands of others. Amidst the profusion of gold, he remained poor. He was repeatedly defrauded out of good claims, and his discovery was attributed to others. His feelings were embittered and his temper soured. He thought that the community failed to do justice to him. When a newspaper article said that WARNES picked up the first piece of gold, or that MARSHALL was SUTTER'S hired laborer at the time of the discovery, he spoke as though the community had conspired to wrong him. About a dozen years ago he purchased a little piece of ground on a steep hill-side near Coloma, there built a cabin, planted a vineyard and made his solitary home. He dug a cellar in the soft granite; he makes his casks; he gathers and presses his grapes and dispenses as far as possible with the labor of others. He has a great variety of grapes, and mixes them all together to make a wine of excellent quality—better, indeed, I think, than any that I have tasted of California production, with two exceptions. I understood him to say that he could sell it readily at $2 50 per gallon; and it certainly is worth that. His education is limited, but his perceptions are quick and his conversation lively, and his general character very estimable. No mean or dishonest act is attributed to him, and everybody appears to like him. He is an ardent believer in Spiritualism, and when he gets started on that topic he sometimes exhausts the patience of his hearers. No photograph of him has ever been obtained, and the only engraving which I have seen of him—published, I think, in the "Annals of San Francisco"—gives a very incorrect idea of him. It represents him as a man with a dark complexion, and thick, bushy, black hair and beard; whereas, his hair is thin and brown, and his face is shaven clean. No feature or expression is correctly represented. I requested him to let me get a negative, from which I would have pictures taken and sold in San Francisco for his benefit, but he refused indignantly. The thought of the injustice that had been done him made him unhappy. He wanted no allusion made to the debt due by California to him. The tone in which he spoke satisfied me that further solicitation in the limited time at my disposal would be useless. The old mill has disappeared, the ground on which it stood has been washed over, and of all who were at Coloma when gold was discovered, MARSHALL is the only one who remains there."

GENERAL ITEMS.

The flag of the Republic of Nicaragua was displayed in San Francisco on the 4th of July for the first time, side by side with the flags of the United States and Mexico, from the rooms of Consul GOPOV, at the Russ House. The flag has a blue stripe above and below, a white centre, on which is represented a volcano surrounded by smaller mountains, the sunburst appearing over the tallest summit.

The Cooperative Foundry Association in Troy, are about to enlarge their works by erecting two stores on River-street, connecting in the rear with the foundry, one of which will be occupied by the Association as a wholesale stove store, and the other is to be rented. The stores are to be one hundred and twenty feet deep, by forty wide, and three stories high with basement.

A New-Hampshire paper says there are 267 islands in Lake Winnipiscogee, though the number is generally placed at 365, one for each day in the year. One of them contains more than 1,000 acres, two more than 500 acres, six more than 50 acres, twenty-three more than 10 acres, and two hundred and twenty-six less than 10 acres. The distance round the lake is 183¼ miles.

A raid was made on the 31st ult. on a gang of counterfeiters in Oxford County, Me., and Coos County, N. H., by an officer of the Treasury Department, assisted by United States Marshal CLARK. Three men were taken to Portland; several more are implicated. A considerable number of new fifty-cent counterfeit currency was captured.

The Selma *Times* learns from a gentleman who has recently traveled over the greater part of Middle Alabama, that the corn crop is magnificent. The entire country looks like a land of promise, and there is no doubt that the corn crop this year will be one of the finest ever raised in Alabama.

The raising of silk is spreading so rapidly in California, that where two or three years ago there were not half a dozen lots of silk worms, now there are upwards of 400, and next year there will probably be over 1,000.

A number of Americans in Rome have purchased a marble group, executed by EDMONIA LEWIS, a young colored artist, and will present it to the Young Men's Christian Association in Boston. She calls it "The Wooing of Hiawatha."

The driver of a hearse was shot at by a man concealed behind a fence in Memphis, Tenn., one day last week, as the funeral procession was on its way to the cemetery.

The Shakers in Lebanon have reconsidered their determination to exclude the "world's people," and will reopen their meeting-house.

The Cincinnati *Times* says that the corn crop in that vicinity will not be as heavy as was anticipated. There will, however, be a large crop.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz:

1st. For paving with Belgian pavement 59th-st. from 8th to 10th ave.

2d. For paving with stone blocks 13th-st. from University-place to 1st-av.

3d. For paving with stone blocks 84th-st. from 3d to 4th ave.

4th. For laying crosswalk across West-st. from the southerly side of Dey-st. to Pier No. 20.

5th. For laying crosswalk across West-st. from the northerly side of Dey-st. to the bulkhead.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on

1st. Both sides of 59th-st., from 8th to 10th ave., to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets and avenues.

2d. Both sides of 13th-st., from University-place to 1st-av., to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets and avenues.

3d. Both sides of 84th-st., from 3d to 4th ave., to the extent of half the block on said avenues.

4th. No. 1, northside of Dey-st., and the east side of West-st., to the extent of half the block from the southeasterly of Dey and West sts.

5th. The northerly side of Dey-st., and the easterly side of West-st., to the extent of half the block from the northeasterly corner of Dey and West sts.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, No. 31 Chambers-st., basement floor, New-York, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

JACOB F. OAKLEY,
JOHN D. MCGLYNN,
ISAAC O. HUNT,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, New Court-house, July 29, 1867.

OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE, FOURTH COLLECTION DISTRICT, STATE OF NEW-YORK comprising the Third, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Wards of the City of New-York, No. 61 Chambers-street.

ANNUAL TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual list of taxes assessed in the above Collection District for the year beginning May 1, 1867, has been received from the Assessor, and that the duties, taxes and licenses therein specified have become due and payable. The undersigned will attend personally, or by his deputy, at his office, No. 61 Chambers-street, daily (Sundays excepted), commencing on the second day of August ensuing and ending on the second day of September, for the receipt of said duties, taxes, &c. The taxes included in the annual list are upon plate, carriages, yachts, billiard tables, pianofortes, gold watches, licenses, and upon incomes for the year 1866. All persons who shall neglect to pay the sums due by them respectively, according to the list aforesaid, within the time herein specified, will become liable to the penalties prescribed by law.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

J. S. BAILEY, Collector.

Dated New-York, July 15, 1867.

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.—SEVENTH COLLECTION DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, COMPRISING THE ELEVENTH AND SEVENTEENTH WARDS OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—Notice is hereby given, in pursuance of law, that I have received the Annual Collection list of the valuations, enumerations and assessments of this district, under the Internal Revenue laws of the United States, for the present year; that the taxes enumerated therein have become due and payable, and that I will attend personally, or by deputy, for the collection of the same at my office, in the new bank building, corner of 7th-st. and 3d-av., daily, (Sundays excepted) from the 2d day of July, 1867, to the 20th day of August, 1867, inclusive, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 3 P. M.

All persons who shall neglect to pay the sums due by them respectively, according to the list aforesaid, will become liable to the penalties prescribed by law.

MARSHALL B. BLAKE,
Collector Seventh District State of New-York.

NEW-YORK, July 8, 1867.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 29th day of July, A. D. 1867, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of Edward B. Stonehill, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, on his own petition: that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law: that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 7 Hedeman-st., Rooms Nos. 3 and 4, Somerset Block, in the City of New-York, before Mr. James F. Dwight, Register, on the 13th day of August, A. D. 1867, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY,
U. S. Marshal,
as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

Dated AUG. 3, 1867.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 12th day of August, 1867, I shall proceed to draw jurors for the following courts, to be held in and for the City and County of New-York, on the 2d day of September, 1867, viz:

A panel of 36 grand jurors for a Court of General Sessions.

A panel of 150 petit jurors for a Court of General Sessions.

WM. C. CONNER, Clerk.

FINANCIAL.

Fisk & Hatch

BANKERS AND DEALERS IN

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,

No. 5 Nassau-street,

BUY AND SELL AT MARKET RATES:

U. S. SIX PER CENT. BONDS of 1881,
U. S FIVE-TWENTY BONDS,
U. S. SEVEN-THIRTY TREASURY NOTES,
U. S. TEN-FORTY BONDS,
U. S. ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATES,
U. S. COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES,
U. S. THIRTY-YEAR BONDS, Pacific R. R. issues,
Central Pacific Railroad State Aid Bonds,
and other desirable Securities.

Also, receive deposits and make collections on favorable terms.

CALIFORNIA STOCKS AND BONDS.

SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY,
SACRAMENTO CITY AND COUNTY,
STOCKTON CITY,
CUBA COUNTY,
SANTA CLARA COUNTY,
PLATTE COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA STATE TELEGRAPH,
SAN FRANCISCO GAS,
SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAILROAD,
CENTRAL RAILROAD, &c., &c., &c.,

Bought and Sold on Commission.

Apply to GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 7 Wall-st.

RODMAN, FISK & CO.,

BANKERS

AND

DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,

NO. 18 NASSAU-ST.,

Buy and sell at market rates:

SIX PER CENT. BONDS OF 1881; TEN-FORTIES;
FIVE-TWENTY BONDS, ALL ISSUES;
SEVEN-THIRTIES, NOTES, ALL SERIES;
COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES, AND
GOLD AND SILVER COIN.

Registered Interest collected and Coupons cashed without charge.

7.30 Notes, all series, taken in exchange for the new Consolidated 5-20 Bonds, on terms advantageous to holders of 7.30s.

Merchants and Importers supplied with Coin for customs duties at lowest market rates.

Orders for purchase and sale of all miscellaneous securities promptly executed. Mail and telegraph orders will receive our personal attention. Deposits received and interest allowed on balances. Collections made on all points, with quick returns.

RODMAN, FISK & CO.

BALTZER & TAAKS,

BANKERS,

No. 62 Exchange-place, New-York,

Issue Letters of Credit for the use of Travelers, payable in

Amsterdam,	Dusseldorf,	Munich,
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Basle,	Frankfort, A. M.,	Paris,
Baden-Baden,	Genoa,	Prague,
Berlin,	Hamburg,	Rome,
Bremen,	Hanover,	Rotterdam,
Brussels,	Heidelberg,	Trieste,
Carlsruhe,	Leipsic,	Turin,
Cassel,	London,	Venice,
Cologne,	Lyon,	Vienna,
Darmstadt,	Mailand,	Wiesbaden,
Dresden.	Mannheim.	Zurich.

BANKING HOUSE OF

TURNER BROTHERS,

NO. 14 NASSAU-ST.,

CORNER OF PINE, OPPOSITE U. S. TREASURY.

WE RECEIVE DEPOSITS AND MAKE COLLECTIONS ON THE SAME AS AN INCORPORATED BANK.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BOUGHT AND SOLD AT MARKET RATES.

WE ALSO EXECUTE ORDERS FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD ON COMMISSION. TURNER BROTHERS.

UNITED STATES TREASURY.

NEW-YORK, July 30, 1867.

COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES falling due Aug. 15, 1867, will now be received at this office for examination.

Assort the notes, each denomination separately, and list them on blanks forwarded by this office. Schedules may be had upon application to the Conversion Department.

H. H. VAN DYCK,
Assistant Treasurer.

LETTERS OF CREDIT FOR TRAVELERS.

Exchange on London and Paris.
Sight Drafts on Edinburgh and Glasgow.
Stocks and Bonds bought and sold
At the New-York Stock Exchange.
JAMES G. KING'S SONS,
No. 54 William-st.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
AMERICAN BANKERS
NO. 7 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS,
AND
NO. 8 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
Issue circular letters of credit to travelers in all parts of Europe, &c., &c. Also commercial credits.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,

ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK,
PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON RAILROAD COMPANY,
STONINGTON, July 30, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, UNDER authority granted by the stockholders at their annual meeting, September, 1866, and pursuant to acts of the Legislatures of Rhode Island and Connecticut, passed in 1865, have decided to increase the capital stock from $3,000,000 to $4,000,000, for the purpose of purchasing the controlling interest in a line of steamers to run in connection with this road.

The distribution of the new stock will be made at par, and stockholders registered upon the books of the Company on Aug. 5 will be entitled to the increase—say about 15 per cent on the number of shares then held by them—provided they notify Messrs. M. Morgan & Sons, New-York Agents of the Company, that they will avail themselves of the right on or before the 20th of August proximo, after which date all stock not subscribed for by the present shareholders will be awarded to parties who stand ready to take the same.

Payment on the stock will be called for during the month of September next.

By order of the Board.

JAS. T. DAY, President.

V. S. NOYES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF CREDITORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI R. R. CO., (EASTERN DIVISION.) NO. 88 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Aug. 1, 1867.

TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS.—A special meeting of the holders of certificates issued by this Trust, will be held at the Office of the Trustees, No. 88 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, the 10th day of September next, at noon, to take final action upon the closing of the trust and the reorganization of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company. As the trust deed requires that three-fourths in interest of the owners, or their legal representatives, of both preferred and common stock, shall be present at the meeting, to carry out the object above stated, certificate holders are earnestly requested to have their certificates transferred, in season, so that they can be present at the meeting in person or by proxy. The transfer books will be closed at 2 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, the 31st of August, and remain closed until the final adjournment of the meeting. All persons must await the action of certificate holders at the meeting now called, to close the trust and reorganize the Company. By order of the Trustees.

CALEB CALDWELL, Chairman.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, July 2, 1867.

THE COMPTROLLER, BY AUTHORity of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, will receive proposals from holders, for the purchase by the said Commissioners, of STOCKS and BONDS of the City or County of New-York. The proposals will state the amounts of bonds to be disposed of, and the price per ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. The parties whose proposals are accepted, will be notified, and the purchase money for the Stock or Bonds will be paid upon the same being transferred to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY,
Comptroller

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE SKIP AND BUELL GOLD MINING AND TUNNELING COMPANY, OF COLORADO.—GENTLEMEN: At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company, held July 9, 1867, it was resolved that in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the New-York Mining Board, a Register be appointed to countersign all stock certificates, and that by publication in two or more newspapers, as well as by circular, the stockholders be apprised of the action of the Board, and earnestly requested to forward to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, No. 84 Pine-st., the respective certificates of stock that the same may be registered and countersigned. By order of the Board.

SILAS P. WOOD, Secretary.

CITY OF KEOKUK 8 PER CENT. NEW BONDS.—For sale, a few more of those well-secured 8 per cent. bonds recently issued by the Trustee, Henry A. Smythe. Total authorized indebtedness is but $300,000, being amply provided for by securities deposited with the trustee before issuing the bonds. Twenty years to run from Jan. 1, 1868; principal and interest payable at the Central National Bank, New-York. Applicants for sums of $1,000 to $5,000 will have the preference. Apply to J. F. FRANKLIN, Special Agent City of KEOKUK, No. 112 Broadway.

MILWAUKEE AND PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RAILWAY CO., No. 25 WILLIAM-ST., ROOM No. 8.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company will be held at their office in New-York on WEDNESDAY the 14th day of August next, at 12 o'clock M. The transfer-books will be closed on the 3d day of August and reopened on the 20th of said month. By order of the Directors.

CHAS. P. GILPIN, Acting Secretary.

WE OFFER FOR SALE ON FAVORABLE TERMS—Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific First Mortgage 7 per cents. Bonds 30 years to run.

Also, Union Pacific Railroad First Mortgage Bonds, due 1896, interest 6 per cents in coin.

Government Securities, of all issues, bought or exchanged for the above-named bonds at full market rates.

CLARK, DODGE & CO.

NEW-YORK, July 8, 1867.

STOCKHOLDERS IN THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY who favor such a change in the administration as may secure to the owners of the property some reasonable income out of the very large present and prospective earnings, are requested to send their proxies to any one of the undersigned.

WORK, DAVIS & BARTON,
D. P. MORGAN,
AUGUSTUS SCHELL.

OFFICE OF THE LENOX FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 165 BROADWAY, July 31, 1867.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors, held this day, Mr. ARTHUR H. WATSON was appointed Secretary of the Company, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Walter M. Franklin, Esq. GEO. LEWIS, President.

ILLINOIS REGISTERED MUNICIPAL BONDS.—City of Quincy bonds converted into above bonds, on which the state of Illinois pays and is now paying interest, at State Agency, New-York, the same is on State debt. CHURCH, TIEDEMAN & CO., No. 9 Broad-st.—NEW-YORK, July 15, 1867.

WATERTOWN CITY (WIS.) BONDS WANTED.—The highest prices paid for Watertown and all other securities issued in Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and pending city mortgages, conversion bonds, &c. Apply to or address GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 7 Wall-st.

BONDS OF TOWNS, CITIES AND COUNties of Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois bought. CHAS. SCHLEY, care HUNTON & DOTTER, No. 24 Broad-st., New-York.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.,

NO. 30 WALL-ST.

BANKERS AND DEALERS

IN

GOVERNMENT STOCKS

AND

COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES

ALL CLASSES OF UNITED STATES FUNDS

Credited or Remitted for on Receipt at Market Rates, FREE OF ALL COMMISSION CHARGES.

CLOSING PRICES.

NEW-YORK, August 3, 1867.

	Buy.	Sell.		Buy.	Sell.
Registered '81	110¾	110¾	Aug. 7.30	107⅝	107⅝
Coupon '81	110¾	110¾	June 7.30	107⅝	107⅝
1-20 Registered	106½	106½	July 7.30	107⅝	107⅝
1-20 Coupon	106½	106¾	Aug. Cert.	99⅞	99⅞
1-20 Coupon, '64	106½	106⅝	Sept. Cert.	99⅞	99⅞
1-20 Coupon, '65	106½	106⅝	Dec. Cert.	99⅞	99⅞
1-20 Coupon, '65	106½	106⅝	Dec. 10-40's	117⅞	118
1-20 " new	106½	106⅝	Aug. 10-40's	116¾	117¼
10-40 Reg.	99⅞	99⅞	Aug. 10-40's	116⅝	116¾
10-40 Coupon	100⅛	100⅜	Sept. 10-40's	116⅝	116¾
Gold	146½	146⅝	Bounty Loan	103⅝	103⅞

WE GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FUNDING 7.30 TREASURY LOANS.

All series taken in exchange for 5-20 BONDS. Returns made to correspondents without delay, and on favorable terms.

GOLD for Custom-house purposes furnished at lowest market rates.

BANKING HOUSE OF

JAY COOKE & CO.

NO. 20 WALL-ST.,

CORNER OF NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.

We buy and sell at the most liberal current prices, and keep on hand a full supply of

GOVERNMENT BONDS OF ALL ISSUES,

SEVEN-THIRTIES

AND

COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES.

And execute orders for purchase and sale of

STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.

We have added to our office a Retail Department for the accommodation of the public demand for investment in and exchanges of Government Securities, the purchase of GOLD and INTEREST COUPONS, and the sale of INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS.

SEVEN-THIRTIES CONVERTED INTO FIVE-TWENTIES AT THE MOST FAVORABLE RATES.

JAY COOKE & CO.

RATES FOR EXCHANGING SEVEN-THIRTY NOTES, AUGUST 3, 1867.

HATCH, FOOTE & CO.,

BANKERS

AND DEALERS IN

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, ETC.

No. 12 Wall-st., N. Y.

For AUGUST NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, and receive 20 cents DIFFERENCE.

For JUNE NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, and receive 20 cents DIFFERENCE.

For JULY NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, and receive $6 20 DIFFERENCE.

ON EACH $1,000.

UNION TRUST COMPANY

OF NEW-YORK,

NO. 73 BROADWAY, COR. RECTOR-ST.

CAPITAL..... $1,000,000.

(All paid in and securely invested.)

FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS, which may be withdrawn at any time.

THIS COMPANY is authorized to act as Receiver, Executor, Trustee for Married Women, Guardian for Infants, and is a LEGAL DEPOSITORY for money paid into Court.

It will receive Registry and Transfer Books, and act as Agent to pay Coupons and Dividends: also as Trustee, in Railroad Mortgages, and will take charge of and manage Estates.

ISAAC H. FROTHINGHAM,

President.

JOHN V. L. PRUYN, ANDREW V. STOUT,
Vice-Presidents.

TRUSTEES.

A. A. LOW,	FRANCIS SKIDDY,
SAM'L G. WHEELER, Jr.,	BENJ. H. HUTTON,
EDWARD A. WESLEY,	DAVID DOWS,
GEO. G. WILLIAMS,	HENRY STOKES,
HORACE F. CLARK,	HENRY S. DAVIES,
J. BOORMAN J. HNSTON,	HENRY K. BOGERT,
ELISHA RIGGS,	JAS. M. McLEAN,
AUGUSTUS SCHELL,	WM. WHITEWRIGHT, Jr.
JAS. M. WATERBURY,	DANIEL C. HOWELL,
JEREMIAH CLARK,	GEORGE W. CUYLER,
AMASA J. PARKER,	JAMES FORSYTH,
ALLEN MUNROE,	JONATH'N W. FREEMAN,
WILLIAM RUSSELL,	JOHN MACKIE.

WM. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.
CHARLES T. CARLTON, Ass't Secretary.
W. H. PECKHAM, Counsel.

DIVIDENDS.

Office Jersey City Insurance Co.

20TH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

No. 1 MONTGOMERY-ST.,

JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 30, 1867.

The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of five (5) per cent., payable on demand, free of Government tax.

J. PAULMIER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE

GEBHARD FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

No. 141 Broadway,

JULY 25, 1867.

CASH CAPITAL..... $200,000
SURPLUS..... 61,331

FIFTEENTH DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., payable, free of Government tax, on and after the 1st day of August.

JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY

No. 158 BROADWAY, July 23, 1867.

CASH CAPITAL..... $200,000
SURPLUS..... 76,038

DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent., free from tax, payable on and after Aug. 1, 1867.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, ALBANY, July 26, 1867.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—The Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent. on the capital stock thereof, free of Government tax, income tax, payable on the 20th day of August next.

Dividends in New-York will be paid at the office of Duncan, Sherman & Co.; in Albany, at the Albany City National Bank.

The transfer-books will be closed at the close of business on Wednesday, the 31st day of July inst., and be reopened on the morning of Friday, the 23d day of August next.

E. D. WORCESTER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO., NEW-YORK, July 11, 1867.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a dividend of eight per cent. out of the profits of the Company, payable on and after the 1st day of August, free from Government tax.

The transfer-books are now closed, and will remain closed until the morning of the 28th inst.

By order of the Board.

ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ST. NICHOLAS INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 166 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 22, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 1st day of August next.

JOHN J. BEARING, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, NEW-YORK, July 30, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. for the last six months and an extra dividend of five per cent. have this day been declared, free of all taxes, payable on MONDAY, Aug. 5.

H. W. FORD, Cashier.

LENOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, 42 BROADWAY, July 31, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per cent., payable on demand, free of Government tax.

WALTER M. FRANKLIN, Secretary.

YONKERS AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, Office 181 Broadway, July 17, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. (free of Government tax) payable on demand.

JOHN W. MURRAY, Secretary.

LONG ISLAND BANK, BROOKLYN, July 26, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX per cent., free of all tax, payable on and after Aug. 1.

A. J. BEEKMAN, Cashier.

SAVINGS BANKS.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,

Now occupying their

NEW MARBLE FIRE-PROOF BANKING HOUSE,

Nos. 1 and 3 5d-avenue

Opposite Cooper Institute,

DEPOSITS of $1 to $5,000 received, and

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, free from tax, allowed on ALL SUMS from $5 to $5,000.

Bank open from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., also on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 5 to 7 P. M.

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.

T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

SIXPENNY SAVINGS BANK, ASTOR-PLACE.—Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. for Deposits and Payments; 5 cents to $5,000 received.

NOTICE.—The usual semi-annual Dividend at the rate of six per cent., free of Government tax, will be paid to the depositors for the six months preceding Aug. 1, payable on and after the 15th of August. Interest not called for will be placed to the credit of the depositor and draw interest from the 1st of August.

N. B.—Money deposited up to the 25th of August will dra

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THE TRIAL OF JOHN H. SURRATT.

Closing Argument for the Prosecution—Address of Judge Pierrepont.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 3.

The trial of John H. Surratt was resumed this morning in the Criminal Court, Judge Fisher presiding.

Mr. Pierrepont addressed the jury on behalf of the prosecution, and said he had not yet had an opportunity to address the jury, but his time had now come. "Yes, all that a man hath will he given for his life." This is as true to-day as it was in the days of Job, and to secure life he will give up his liberty, resort to any measures, give up home and friends, desert father and brother and sister and mother, and he will commit perjury, and jump the life to come to save the life that now is. Just so far as counsel feel interested in a case, just so far will they become imbued with the feelings of their client.

Mr. Pierrepont then referred to the fact that while other counsel knew the jurors, he was a comparative stranger; but he did not feel altogether like a stranger, and if he met them in his own city or elsewhere he would meet them as friends. He had come into this case at no little personal sacrifice, for when the case commenced he had just taken his seat in the New-York Constitutional Convention, which was now in session. He explained how he came into the case upon the request of the Attorney-General and the Secretary of State, and he averred that no other member of the Cabinet knew of his retainer until he came on here and entered into the case.

When Mr. Lincoln was assassinated he (Mr. Pierrepont was sent here with a Committee of New-York citizens, and he attended, and was standing in the East Room, and his tears were falling freely, he would have considered himself derelict of duty if he had resented at that time any insult coming from an enemy of his country. He felt this was as solemn a scene as that at the funeral, and he would indulge now in no petty quarrels. In pursuing this argument he would not cast any vituperation or abuse upon the prisoner. He did not know John H. Surratt except that we were here to try him as one of the assassins of the President. In commenting on the evidence he would make no individual assertion—but his business was to convince the jury that the accused was guilty. If he did not so convince them he neither wanted or expected a verdict. He was here for the purpose of showing that Surratt was a member of a conspiracy that resulted in the death of Abraham Lincoln by the hand of John Wilkes Booth. He did not see why Mrs. Surratt's name should be brought in. The effort was not to try Mrs. Surratt, but the prisoner at the bar.

He objected to the condemnation of the Military Commission that tried the conspirators, and he said that in condemning they condemned the President of the United States, who ordered the Commission and who signed the death-warrant of the parties convicted. He had the original paper signed by Mr. JOHNSON, even after the age and sex of one of the condemned was mentioned to him. He (Pierrepont) condemned the assertion that the Government was here arraigned against this young man and denied it. It was monstrous to say that the Government was here to lap up the blood of innocents. Governments were instituted for the protection of the governed, and unless the law gave protection, how long would life or property be safe? We have been told that a Government has nothing of divinity which hedges it about. The Bible says all Governments are of God, and if there is no divinity about this Government its condemnation is sure. All Governments of the people are of God. When you come to the polls and elect your President—the voice of the people is the voice of God, and it is ordained of God, and is hedged about with as much divinity as ever surrounded the head of any King that reigned on England's throne. Rome was the greatest of Governments, but it tumbled to its ruin when it failed to recognize and obey God, and it will ever be so whenever a people cease to recognize a Government as of God. Let us see what the Bible says upon this subject. Mr. Pierrepont read from the Scriptures, Romans 13, to show in what estimation Governments were held. It is true, God is a God of mercy, but He says too, though he is a God of mercy he will by no means spare the guilty. The counsel on the other side have said much about having blood enough, and have said let us have peace. The question of blood or peace is not now on trial. Have you not had enough of crime and murder, and assassination? and a jury is asked to say we have had enough of it. The jury do not punish the man. It is their busines to see if the accused is guilty of this violation of the law and leave punishment on the shoulders of the sovereign to whom it properly belongs. Before proceeding to notice the testimony he (Mr. Pierrepont) must refer to the attack that had been made upon the District-Attorney. Has anything been seen improper in the conduct of the District-Attorney, and yet one of the counsel say if he had acted as Mr. Carrington has acted he would expect all wom n as they passed him to elevate their skirts lest they should be contaminated. He could not understand all this outburst at the time. But upon reference to the rebellion record he found that Mr. Carrington was an earnest loyal man, and that accounted for the abuse against him now. Much has been said against Judge Holt, and it has been asserted that the Supreme Court declared the Military Commission illegal. He denied that there ever had been such an opinion, and he doubted that there ever would be. But he would lay aside all this collateral matter and pass to the solemn business of ascertaining the truth of the evidence. We will now come to some facts about which there is no dispute. He proposed to get first at the facts about which there was no debate; and here let one general observation be made—that all the truth is in perfect harmony with every other truth, and every falsehood interposed dislocates it and breathes falsity in every case. No man ever violated a law of God, even in this world, that he did not get punished for it. It is so in the simplest transaction of life as it is in the greatest. So it is in connection with the truth in this case. Here it is: John Harrison entered his name on April 18, 1865, in the register of St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal. The man is the prisoner at the bar; there is no dispute about that. After that he passed through the hotel. He paid the bill, and he fled somewhere. He fled to the house of a man named Porterfield, and then two carriages came up, and two men both dressed alike got into carriages and were driven in different directions. Well, then, he was fleeing either because he was in the conspiracy or because he was not. He went to a priest—the priest Boucher—who has not done his Church any credit, for the Pope and Cardinal Anotonelli gave up this prisoner on account of the hideousness of his crime, and Boucher will hear from the Pope before another year. Here the prisoner remained concealed. Why concealed? Was it because he was innocent, not because he was guilty? Which it was the jury must determine. What was going on here at that time? The mother and other conspirators were on trial, and it was published daily to the world. There Surratt was concealed, and did he not know what was going on? Boucher will hear from his Pope and Bishops before one year, because the Catholic Church would never tolerate such a crime as this. Well, Surratt was screened until September, and then taken on board a steamer and introduced as McCarty, and the steamer starts upon that line of the Old World. He is met upon the steamer thirty minutes before he fears an American detective is on board, and he tells McMillan that he has done such things as would make him (McMillan) stare. He could not keep his secret to himself, and he went behind the wheelhouse and talked to McMillan. He unburdened his mind for relief. When he got on the lone ocean he could not help telling the secret, and he told it. Arrived at Ireland, he hesitated whether he should land in Ireland or in England, and after concluding first to land in England, he changed his mind and landed in Ireland. Before landing, he takes tumbler after tumbler of raw brandy, to brace himself up. But Ireland his conscience pursues him, and we next find him wandering in Liverpool, and he flees again to Rome, away from his country and his kinsmen, and enlists and changes his name to Watson. He supposed himself safe. Safe! God safe! alas! what things to be safe. It must have been an awful hour when he saw St. Marie's face. God don't let such things be safe. He then goes to St. Marie and tells him about his escape, and his disguise, and how he escaped, and then he heard a voice from the Watchman that the Pope's dominion had place for him. He then makes a leap for his life, and flees to Egypt, that ancient land where Joseph was a slave, where are the grandest monuments, and there even the colossal Sphinx looking through its stony eyes that that darkened land can have no place for such treason and crime, and then he could flee no further, and he is caught and brought over the long sea, and up the broad river to this city of his crime, and he is here to be tried. No! this Mr. Merrick says, was the flight of an innocent man. Does it look to the jury like the flight of an innocent man? It is a mystery that an innocent man should thus flee, and the mystery must be inquired into. But let us go back a little in time. On the 14th of April Mr. Lincoln was assassinated, and the crime sent a thrill through the civilized world. Mr. Lincoln was killed for no crime and for no cruelty. A few weeks before his death he spoke the memorable words of his last inaugural address. Mr. Pierrepont read the address referred to. This, gentlemen, is a trial of one of the conspirators who killed Mr. Lincoln, and it is the first trial in a Court of civil jurisdiction. At the conspiracy trial it was said that, as the President was killed in full camp, the case was one for military trial, and it was urged that there were too many Secessionists here to give a proper trial. But he always held that these matters could be intrusted to a jury of twelve honest men, because he (Pierrepont) believes that he is here. He is not here because he affiliates with the Republican Party, for he has always been opposed to that party. But if a jury could not find an honest verdict, and it was so demonstrated, then he would bid farewell to freedom. If justice can't be done in civil courts, then let all good citizens say. Let the sword write the record. This is no ordinary trial, and all the country is looking on, and every lover of our Government will fall on his knees and pray that no such calamity should befall the country as that a jury should not find a man guilty when the law and the evidence say he is guilty. It is claimed that this people is disloyal, and politicians are for their own purposes agitating the removal of the capital, and nothing would please them better than to be able to say, when Congress meets in November, that Washington is disloyal and will not convict one who is proven to have been an assassin of the President. They will say, let us move the capital where our public officers will be protected. Surratt is either guilty or not guilty. If he is not guilty, then a great wrong has been done him by the Pope, who surrendered him to the Grand Jury, who indicted him. He would ask a verdict only upon the evidence, and upon nothing else. In referring to the evidence, he would not give his own conclusions, but would read the evidence. We have recently made a purchase in Russia America, and suppose two men go out there on an exploring expedition and find a baby in the forest wrapped in a blanket. The conclusion would be that it was placed there by some one, and in telling the story of it afterward, it would not be necessary to prove that the baby had a father and mother, and that it was put there by some one. Rev. Stapleton Cameron might come and swear he saw babies grow there, like toadstools under a tree; or Bissell might swear he saw spiders weaving a blanket and wrapping the baby, but the jury would not believe him. It would be a fact not demanding demonstration, that the baby was placed there by some one. Mr. Pierrepont here illustrated the effect of circumstantial evidence by illustrating a hypothetical case. After some general remarks, Mr. Pierrepont said it was a truth that a man could not be in two places at the same time, and that need not be proved. It is known, too, that when a man is on trial for his life he has every motive to swear falsely and to make misrepresentations. On criminal trials there is no effort more frequently put forth than to prove an *alibi*, and there is nothing upon which so many mistakes may be made as upon proof of this nature, for honest witnesses think truly that they see the person charged at a time and place stated. Cases were cited to show the many mistakes in this proof, and the case of Webster, for the murder of Parkman, was referred to. It is the easiest thing in the world to prove you see an individual, but the day cannot always be positively fixed. The gentlemen on the other side pretend that they can see no difference between the murder of the President and that of an ordinary man. That is not the view of statesmen. It is not the view of the Bible nor of the law. It is a greater crime to murder a President because of the consequences it tends to. All governments are of God or of the devil, and this Government is of God. What did the civilized world think of this murder? It takes a large volume to contain the letters of condolence. It was a crime that indicted all nations, even the Turk, to write in condemnation of it. Even the rebels thought it was a greater crime to kill the President than a vagabond, as has been claimed by the defence. Not so thought any right thinking man; not so did the gentlemen of the jury think, and not so could any one think. At this point, 3:15, the Court took a recess for half an hour. Upon reassembling Mr. Pierrepont resumed and said he would pass from all general considerations to the evidence. He believed she jury wanted to know the truth in the case, and he believed they were far above all but the proper understanding of this case, and that their only desire was to give a true verdict. There are a class of persons put upon the stand who are known as experts, and it is now a recognized principle that no man can so successfully disguise his handwriting for any length of time, and yet no man can trace into his same alike. It is well ascertained fact that such is the case. A man's walk or talk cannot be successfully disguised, and it is a truth of general things. Each man is an expert in his own business, and in all trades and callings men are experts in particular things, and they are called on to give their opinion. It is just as true also that these are experts in moral relations. A lawyer should be an expert in detecting the spurious witness from the witness who is just and true. And now let us apply these principles to the facts in the case. Men do not commit crimes without an object, and we must look to see a motive where we find a thing done contrary to the course of human events. In March, 1863, Mrs. Surratt kept a tavern in Surrattsville. The husband died in 1862, and the family had but little means. In 1864 the mother moved to Washington and opened a boarding-house. The oldest son was a rebel soldier in Texas. The younger son was a man grown, in no employment, and he came to Washington with his mother. Now let us see what were the sentiments of that family in 1864, and the sentiments that resulted in Mr. Lincoln's death. [Tippett's testimony was read.] In March, 1863, Harold was with John Surratt at Surrattsville, and in 1864 John Surratt, Mudd, Harold and Booth were together at the National Hotel. This was Surratt's first introduction to Booth, and he (Mr. Pierrepont) would trace this conspiracy from its beginning to its termination. [Weichmann's testimony was read in relation to the introduction to Mudd and Booth, in 1864.] Resuming, Mr. Pierrepont said this was the first time Surratt ever saw Booth to know him. All that about the farm to be purchased was nonsense, for the purchase of the farm needed no explanation. This interview was in December, 1864, and this brings us to a more important matter, which is the testimony of Mr. Doun, the Cashier of Adams Express, who testifies to Surratt's employment by Adams Express Company, his request for a leave of absence and his return. [Testimony of Doun's testimony was read.] In this connection, said Mr. Pierrepont, we have a little piece of paper in Surratt's handwriting. It is a card written by Surratt to Booth, in which he says: "I tried to get leave, but did not succeed." So he took the leave. This, gentlemen, [to Mr. Merrick,] is no mare chain—but a fact! Now, in this connection, we come to Mr. Martin's testimony, who was on his way to get cotton out from the Confederacy, and who testified that he employed at Port Tobacco a man named Atzerodt to ferry him across the Potomac. There Mr. Martin saw Surratt, this was in January, 1865, and Martin says Surratt told him he was in Adams Express Company, and had leave of absence; all of which the jury know to be false, and the story was told for purposes of concealment. It is well known that Surratt had no leave of absence. Martin also testifies to a preparation of sixty horses for a race at Washington. What was all that preparation for, and why did Surratt return to Washington at night? We now come down again to an order of dates, and there is much to give in dates. I hold here a register of the Maltby House, Baltimore, on January 21, 1864. You find Surratt's and Weichmann's names registered there. This is three or four days after Surratt was at Port Tobacco. What does all this mean? Nothing strange that Weichman and Surratt should have been in Baltimore; but one truth is in harmony with the other, and what truth follows next? Let us again look at the evidence. [Weichman's testimony the visit to Baltimore read, in which it appears that Surratt had $300 in his possession, and he went to some one on private business, and he did not want Weichman along.] Now who, asked Mr. Pierrepont, was that somebody? [Weichman's testimony read.] Mrs. Bronson, who says that at that time Payne was boarding with her in Baltimore, and the visit of Surratt is explained. There is another link in that chain. Afterwards Payne comes to Mrs. Surratt's house in Washington. This is the same Payne who assaulted Mr. Seward, and he was the man captured in Mrs. Surratt's house. [Weichman's testimony was again referred to to show Surratt's intimacy with Atzerodt; that he was introduced there by Surratt after the visit to Port Tobacco. Testimony in regard to Surratt's visit to New-York in February, to see Booth, was also read. Also the testimony as to Payne's visits to the Surratt house.] The first time that Payne ever comes to this house, said Mr. Pierrepont, he is shown to a private room and given supper by an order from Mrs. Surratt. This occurs after Surratt's visit to Baltimore, and after Payne had left Mrs. Bronson's house. [Weichman's testimony again referred to, as to Payne's second visit, when he represented himself as a Baptist preacher. In this connection Weichmann's testimony of Surratt and Payne practicing with bowie-knives, was recited, as well as the visit to the theatre on the night Booth played "Pescara, or the Spectre Bridegroom.") In commenting upon this testimony Mr. Pierrepont said that was less than a month before Booth enacted another drama in which he played assassin, traitor and murderer as well as apostate. [Miss Honora Fitzpatrick's testimony relative to the visit of the conspirators at Mrs. Surratt's, and relative to the visit at the theatre, where Booth and Surratt had a private talk, was referred to; also the evidence in relation to Mrs. Surratt's visit to the Herndon House.] In this, Mr. Pierrepont said, it will be seen Miss Fitzpatrick corroborates Weichman, and it will be shown that the Herndon House was where John Surratt secured a room for Weichman. About this time, March 23, 1865, Booth telegraphs to Weichman as follows; "Tell John to telegraph number and street at once." Why did not Booth telegraph to John at once? Because he wanted to be as secret as possible, and he wanted to send the information through a third party. [Testimony on this point referred to.] Weichman showed the telegram to John, and when he asks about it John tells Weichman not to be so d—d inquisitive. The number and street referred to the Herndon House, and Surratt afterward goes there and secures the room that had been previously engaged, and the name of the party for whom the room was engaged was not mentioned. Now the mystery is unraveled. Mrs. Surratt goes to the Herndon House and engages the room, and John goes there and secures it, and that is the room to which Payne is to be brought, and to which Booth is to communicate.

Mr. Bradley, Jr., said it was the rule of the Court not to allow counsel to be interrupted, but he asked, if facts were misstated, whether an opportunity would be afforded the counsel for correcting the misstatement.

Judge Fisher replied affirmatively.

Mr. Pierrepont said he did not intend to give an opportunity. We now come to the testimony of Brooke Stabler, the livery-stable keeper. [Stabler's testimony was read.] In this testimony it appears that Surratt wrote to Stabler saying he had women on the brain. Was that so? asked Mr. Pierrepont; had he women on the brain? and if he had, was old Brooke Stabler the depository for a secret of love? or was this only said for a blind? Where did Surratt get money to carry on all these schemes and to buy horses? He was without means, and his mother was a poor woman, as the jury has been told. Where, then, did he get his money to buy horses, and th keep them at livery? He did not get it from Adams Express, for he left them without permission. [Stabler's testimony again referred to.] In this it appears Surratt got a letter from Atzerodt, but would not show Stabler the contents. [The testimony of James Pumphairs, relative to Booth's having a horse, and Surratt becoming security for Booth, and the testimony of Fletcher, who had charge of Naller's stable, was read. Here it appears Atzerodt could not keep his secret, for he says to Fletcher that "if this thing happens to-night you will hear of a present." Fletcher suggests he would not like to ride the horse that night, and Atzerodt replied that he is good on a retreat. Harold, that same night, got a horse at Naller's. Lieut. Taffey, in his testimony, shows what became of Atzerodt's horse, for he found him at Lincoln Barracks on the morning of April 15. Another witness is Samuel Rainey, also a livery stable-keeper, and he testifies to Surratt and Booth's getting horses in common from his stable. [Rainey's testimony read.] Wm. E. Cleaver, who was a partner of Rainey's, corroborated the latter's. [Cleaver's testimony read.] Booth brought his horse to Cleaver's stable on Jan. 1, 1865. The horse then brought was a dark bay, blind of one eye. He also testified to seeing Surratt and Booth there together, and also that at one time Booth and Sam. Arnold came there together. The defence say, because Cleaver has shown himself a man of passion in a certain way, that he cannot tell the truth. He (Mr. Pierrepont) appealed to the jury, as sensible men, to say whether such a fact need necessarily prevent a man's truth. A man might be passionate, in one way or the other, and yet be strictly truthful. Cleaver has gone into minute particulars, and in none has he been contradicted; but on the contrary he has been corroborated. On one occasion it was raining badly, and Cleaver says Surratt came and hired a horse and said he was going to be to a dance; but he afterward said he was going to help some men across, and he then said in Cleaver's presence that he and Booth had bloody work to do, and that they purposed to kill the President, and Surratt then said, flourishing his pistol, that if Booth did not kill the President he (Surratt) would do it himself. He (Mr. Pierrepont) would have occasion to refer to Cleaver again, and show how this testimony was got out of Cleaver. The defence might heap as much abuse as they wanted to upon Mr. Ashley; but Cleaver was not to blame in this matter. He was an Englishman, and an enemy of this Government, and he did not wish to say a word; but in the confidences of the cell he told it to a fellow-prisoner. In some way or other a member of Congress got hold of it and informed Mr. Carrington, and Cleaver's testimony was forced out of him by power, and he did not wish to give it willingly. But now we come to the extraordinary witness in this case, John M. Lloyd, who testified in the most unwilling manner. Mr. Bradley had said he believed Lloyd was in the conspiracy, and he had said he was a drunkard. There is no doubt but that he did drink, but he was not drunk when he was on the stand, nor was he drunk when the detectives went by the morning after the murder. He kept the tavern for Mrs. Surratt, and was a most unwilling witness, and Mr. Bradley was no doubt correct when he said Lloyd was one of the conspirators. He was just the man to engage in such a conspiracy, and just the man to assist at the assassination. He was no doubt in the conspiracy, but that, Mr. Pierrepont contended, did not make him the less truthful, nor did it give less importance to his testimony, for it was given too unwillingly, as the jury will remember. [John M. Lloyd's testimony was here read.] In commenting upon Lloyd's testimony, Mr. Pierrepont reiterated the remarks that he believed Mr. Bradley stated truly when he said Lloyd knew all about the conspiracy. When Surratt put the arms in his keeping, he knew that there was mischief. He knew enough to make him liable, and to make him guilty. This witness says he met Mrs. Surratt on the Tuesday before the assassination, and he says she told him that the shooting-irons were wanted that night. How did Mrs. Surratt know that her son had secreted the shooting-irons in that secret room behind the joists of the house? Why did Lloyd speak of burying the shooting-irons? He spoke of it as one would speak of burying a murdered corpse. Again, Mrs. Surratt visited Lloyd at Surrattsville, on April 14, the day of the assassination, and she handed him a package which has been traced and proven to be a field glass. Mrs. Surratt also tells Lloyd to have the guns ready and two bottles of whisky, and give them to whoever should call for them that night. What will you do with this testimony, gentlemen of the jury? Will you discard it? If so, you will in no doubt tell your fellow-citizens why, when you come out. What was expected to be done that night that the guns and whiskey would be needed? The assassination occurred at 10 o'clock and at 12 Harold was at Lloyd; and the jury will remember how Confidant Lloyd's was to tell that Booth was with Harold. Harold was impatient, and demanded in haste the whiskey and the guns, and Lloyd strove all the time to keep Booth separate from Harold. The jury will remember the struggle to get from this witness who Harold's companion was. For coercion and for fear he told the truth. His testimony forcibly. [The reading of Weichman's testimony was then resumed to show Mrs. Surratt's second visit to the Herndon House, where she said she was going to see Payne; also the anger of Mrs. Surratt when she ascertained that Atzerodt had informed him that the visit was known at the Herndon House; also to the refusal of Atzerodt and Payne to loan Mrs. Surratt the horses, and with reference to John Surratt's conversation on April 3, 1865, when he said he had been to Richmond: the exchange of gold at that time, &c.] He was always well supplied with money, said Mr. Pierrepont, and yet he was a poor young man, who was not in employment and whose mother had no means. It will be remembered, too, how he persisted in not answering the question as to when he first heard of the assassination, until the Court compelled him to answer, and then he drawled out that he heard it that night. He does not remember who told him, but he thought it was the man who had the broken leg who said the President was assassinated.

At this point, 5:30 o'clock P. M., the Court took a recess until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. Pierrepont will make a very long and exhaustive argument, and will probably occupy two or three days yet.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BUILDINGS AND BUILDING MATERIAL.

Reduction of Prices—The Demand for Labor—The Construction and Contemplated Construction of Buildings—Downfall in Rents.

At the present time, when the prices of nearly all kinds of material and labor are pointing downward, a few facts relating to the causes which have produced the change, together with the results that have followed, will be of interest. A close observer, in his travels through this City, cannot have failed to notice the numerous architectural improvements in progress. It was only a few months since that contractors were complaining of the hesitation exhibited on the part of capitalists and others, to give orders for the erection of buildings, while, on the other hand, the men who contemplated thus investing their money expressed dissatisfaction at the prevailing high prices of materials, and resolved to await the counteraction which has now fairly set in. The prospect, at present, is decidedly encouraging for those of limited means, who desire to secure homes for themselves and families. Instead of indulging in gloomy forebodings excited by the reports of the distressed condition of affairs consequent upon seeming national political difficulties, and on the short and poor crops of cotton and cereals, the public looks forward with feelings of hopeful assurance to the more cheerful days which numerous events clearly indicate are rapidly approaching. None, perhaps, can better appreciate these evidences of returning prosperity than the working people, who for many heavy months have toiled and struggled in their various pursuits to maintain a livelihood, not daring to think of accumulating even a small sum for future use.

THE DOWNFALL IN PRICES.

It is needless to refer to the war as the cause of the increase of the prices of all articles used either as necessaries or luxuries. It has been a wonder of long standing that, the war having ceased, war prices should be maintained, and, although it could not be expected that the effect would be felt immediately after the cessation of hostilities, yet, it was very reasonable to believe that an approach to moderate prices would not be delayed beyond a year. Thus persons who, if the times had been good, would have given orders for the building of houses, deferred carrying out their intention till a more propitious season; and now the prices are by no means settled. The tendency is downward, and men reserve their funds accordingly, as by so doing they will be likely to save a round sum in future investments. This does not apply, however, to all of our capitalists. A sufficient number have given orders for building to make the business lively and profitable. Of course, during the period when there was little demand for houses, building material accumulated in the market. The prices, however, remained at a high figure. Just so long as the owners thought the public would eventually become accustomed to the ruling rates, and accede to them, no inclination was shown on their part to reduce the tariff. At last the time came, and not many weeks since, when the holders discovered their mistake. People persistently refused to pay the prices demanded, preferring either to rent houses in the City, or remove to the country where the cost of living was still less. The overstocked market was becoming more and more crowded, and the only alternative left to the holders of material was to dispose of the same at something like a reasonable rate. To this cause may be attributed, in part, the present impetus given to the erecting of new buildings and improving old ones.

BRICKS AND STONE.

As bricks enter largely in the construction of buildings in the City, the market is usually well supplied. The frequent rains, however, of the past few weeks, have rather checked the manufacture, hence, the market cannot be said to be overstocked with this particular material. For this reason the prices are not so low as they would be had the regular supply been received. The price of the higher grades during the war was from $18 to $20 per thousand. It is said that it was the practice of some of the workmen at that time to steal bricks and exchange them for liquor, receiving one drink for a single brick. The price is now $10 per thousand. This is a marked decrease from that of three weeks ago. A good idea of the decline in price will be gained by knowing that, in 1865, proposals for constructing public buildings contained rates, in some instances, twenty per cent. higher than those sent in a short time ago by the same parties to do the same or similar work.

As yet there has been little decrease in the prices of stone. The quarries are doing a good business, and the owners are not at a loss to find a ready market for all the material they turn out. Houses built of stone, or having stone fronts, are the only kind which meet with favor from the moneyed portion of our community. Brick houses are getting too common for first-class fashionable circles, and are left to be occupied by the more humble of the people. The sources from which the different kinds of stone are obtained are not limited by State boundaries. Although New-York contributes largely to the general stock, the quarries of the Eastern and Western States are liberally patronized. The blue stone is used extensively as trimmings for public buildings. The Ohio stone, which has a soft yellowish hue, is employed with fine effect in the front portions of private residences. Connecticut stone, of various kinds, is also used to a very large extent.

LUMBER.

The liberal supply of lumber received from the South, in addition to the regular quantity coming from the Eastern States, has wrought a wonderful change in price. It will not be difficult to recall the [illegible] during the war. The Government, through the Quartermaster's Department, was a [illegible], and remained so till the last, and [illegible] the number of saw-mills put up and in operation in various sections of the South, which were then scarcely used by [illegible] now [illegible] The prices in on a level with that [illegible] price—say from $23 to $26 per thousand feet. Formerly it was held at twice these rates. As a result of the comparatively low prices, yellow pine is now extensively used where, heretofore, only white pine was employed.

SAND, CEMENT, ETC.

The supplies of the principal materials used in building, of lime, cement, hair, plaster, &c., are also reduced down in price. In fact, it may be safely asserted that in building a house at the present time, rather than a year ago, the owner saves from fifteen to twenty per cent. on the cost of material, and the public, too, seem to be aware of this fact. The orders received by architects and builders have been numerous for some weeks and are constantly increasing. One architect has on his hands designs for no less than fifteen private residences, beside one church and three institutions.

THE LOCALITY OF PROJECTED BUILDINGS.

As a general thing the orders received are for first-class buildings. A number of palatial residences are going up in the vicinity of Murray Hill and the extreme upper portions of the City. Attention is being given by the owners of vacant lots in the neighborhood of Central Park to the erection of fine dwellings in that section. According to the official statements 734 plans and specifications for new buildings have been submitted since the first month of the current year. Each plan or design for two buildings, making in all about 1,400. The demand for tenement-houses continuing unabated, that class of buildings is being put up in those parts of the City where they will be most available for the poorer classes. In the latter case, in order to evade the laws relating to fire-proof partition walls, fire-proof stairways and other precautions against conflagration, the tenement-houses are erected so as to accommodate less than four families. The ground floor, for instance, is used as a store, and three families occupy the three stories above. Improvements are going on everywhere. This is the case not only on the principal streets, but in the side streets where one would least suspect such enterprise. Should the building of the railway projected by the Metropolitan Transit Company ever be commenced, with a view to completion, a striking change will be effected in the appearance of the dwellings which line the streets through which it is proposed to lay the track.

THE DEMAND FOR LABOR.

Employers state that no difficulty is experiencedin engaging all the workmen and laborers required at a fair remuneration. If anything, the supply is in excess of the demand. The prices of the necessaries of life having fallen somewhat, the workmen are able to meet their debts, and evince no disposition to resort to "strikes." The system of coöperative unions, which has been agitated for some time among the laboring classes, is received with general favor, and measures have been taken by a more prominent men in several branches of trade to give it a practical test. A plan recently suggested is to have each branch organize a league, from which delegates are to be selected to represent the leagues at a general convention. This latter body is to be composed in part of a committee of Management and a Directory, to whom will be referred for consideration all questions relating to wages and "strikes." The questions thus acted upon are to be submitted to the main body for final disposition. It is also proposed to establish a general fund for the relief of unemployed or disabled members. A number of professional gentlemen in the community have volunteered their services to give lectures on health, industry, science and kindred topics, as that there will be no lack of opportunities for intellectual advancement.

BUILDINGS IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

It is estimated that there are about one thousand buildings in course of construction in this City at the present time. Of public buildings the number is comparatively few. Work on the New Court-house in the City Hall Park is slowly progressing. Already the sum of $2,500,000 has been expended on this structure, and it is estimated that another million will be required to finish the job. The corner-stone was laid about six years since. The number of men employed on the work to-day is not over seventy-five, while a year ago the workmen numbered five hundred. The architecture is of the Corinthian order. It is three stories in height. On the first floor there are eighteen rooms, including eight ante-rooms. The second floor is divided into twenty rooms, including eight small rooms. The third floor has the same number of rooms as the second. The first and second floors each contain 7,225 superficial feet of hallway. The basement has a hallway. The materials used in the construction of the building are marble, iron and brick. The principal front is on Chambers-street, and presents a *façade* 160 feet long by 80 feet high, with projecting wings, each 40 feet wide. The entrance proper is on the west front. The portico will be reached by a flight of nine granite steps, supported by two columns, 40 feet in height and elegantly carved. The *façade* will be surmounted by a dome, rising 50 feet above the apex of the middle pediment, and 210 feet above the ground. The building is fire-proof throughout. The stair and window castings are of iron, and the walls separating each apartment are of brick, one foot in thickness. The roof is of corrugated iron. The high fence that at present surrounds the building prevents one from getting a good clear view of it from the outside, but at some future day we shall doubtless have our sight gratified as regards the New Court-house finished and the hideous fence removed.

THE PARK BANK BUILDING.

This building will be located on Broadway, between Ann and Fulton streets. For several weeks past workmen have been engaged in excavating the earth and laying the foundation walls. When finished, the building will be one of the most costly and magnificent in the City. The exterior will be ornamented with statuary representing Justice, Mechanics, Genius of Finance, Commerce, Bank-Trade and Industry. The last two pieces will be each nine feet six inches in height. All of the statuary will be of the finest white marble. A full description of the building has already appeared in the TIMES.

PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

As previously stated, the majority of the private buildings being erected are of first-class style. Many of them are truly elegant, both inside and out. The cost of these buildings is apparently the last thing taken into consideration by the owners. Houses costing from $104,000 to $300,000 are rapidly making their appearance.

A NEW HOTEL.

A new hotel, with a front on Broadway of ninety feet and on Forty-second-street of forty-four feet six inches will soon be commenced. It will be seventy feet in height, and will consist of five stories. The whole front will be used for stores, and all the floors will be supported by iron columns. In the rear will be a one-story extension.

A PROTECTORY.

The Roman Catholics contemplate building a Protectory for destitute children on a site about three miles from Harlem Bridge. It will be of three stories, and composed of stone and brick. Its cost is set down at $150,000.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

will have built this Fall a magnificent structure at the corner of Twenty-third-street and Fourth-avenue. It will cost $175,000, exclusive of the sum paid for the ground.

THE COLORED ORPHAN ASYLUM.

This building, situated on the Tenth-avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets, will be, when completed, 224 feet wide, 100 feet deep, and 60 feet in height. The roof will be of slate and tin. The building will have three stories, a basement and sub-cellar. The beams will be of large dimensions, and the foundation walls will be constructed of the best quality of blue-stone. The stairways are to be made fire-proof, and the landings and platforms will be supported by nine-inch rolled iron Cooper beams. Laborers are now engaged in excavating the cellar. The corner-stone was laid a few days ago.

ANOTHER SCHOOLHOUSE.

A new schoolhouse is being built on Fifty-second-street, near Eighth-avenue. It will be 96 feet front, 100 feet in depth, and 65 feet in height, with four stories. The first story will be constructed of brown-stone; the rest of brick. The arch of the strings of the building will be provided with stone stairways, and there will be two rows of oak or yellow pine girders, supported by iron posts on each floor, excepting the fourth. The cost of the structure will be $95,000.

OTHER BUILDINGS.

In addition to those above enumerated, other buildings, intended to be used for manufactories, warehouses and like purposes, are being constructed in different sections of the City. Particularly is this the case on streets near the water's edge. New stores are springing up in every direction. Most of the buildings surrounding Union-square, and formerly occupied as residences, are now converted into shops and stores. The lower portion of Fifth-avenue was invaded long ago by tradesmen, and the families remaining in that quarter are looking forward to an early removal to the upper parts of the City.

BUILDINGS PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED.

Prominent among the buildings designed to be erected is the public market in Avenue C, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. A general description of this structure, taken from the drawings and specifications, has already appeared in the TIMES. A few additional particulars, however, may be of interest. The roof will be composed of three sections, each one having a row of ventilators on each side. The windows will be of ground glass. The ground floor will be paved with stone, and laid out in avenues, numbered from one to nine. The stalls are to be fitted up with hard wood and marble. In the rear will be located the wholesale department. In case of need, a gallery will be built extending the entire round of the interior, for the accommodation of the sellers of light products. On the outside, sheds for the use of country dealers will be erected. The cost of the building is estimated at about $72,000. The architect is Mr. STEPHEN D. HATCH.

RENTS.

Rents, like other things, have also sustained a downfall. Landlords, who on the 1st of May last were indifferent whether they let their houses or not, counting, of course, on a large demand, would now be very glad to let them at rates much less than those asked for in the early part of the year. The effect of enormous rents in the City has been to drive the people into the suburban towns; and having once settled there for the season, they have concluded it would be an advantage to their health and pockets to remain the year round. Although a brisk trade is anticipated by the merchants during the coming Fall, yet a very large number of stores and lofts on the best part of Broadway and some of the principal down-town streets are unoccupied. It is believed this would not be the case if the owners had accepted the reasonable prices offered for rent some months ago. It is probable that on the 1st of May next rents in this City will be at least 25 per cent. lower than they now are.

Already quite an heavy a reduction as this has been made in the letting of parts of houses. Along the avenues and in Brooklyn, floors and parts of houses can scarcely be let at all.

LOSS OF A STEAM YACHT.

Sinking of the Steamer Alice Riggs off Cape Hatteras—The Crew Saved.

The steamer *Virgo*, Capt. BULKLEY, from Savannah, which arrived at this port yesterday morning, brought the officers and crew of the steam yacht *Alice Riggs*, which vessel sprung a leak and was abandoned off Cape Hatteras on Friday last. From Mr. W. E. WHITTER, chief-engineer of the *Alice Riggs*, we learn that the vessel left this port at 4:30 P. M. on Monday last for Saracos, Cuba, in ballast. Fine weather prevailed until the 1st inst., when the vessel had reached latitude 34 33, longitude 74 55, being about forty miles south of Cape Hatteras. The wind then commenced to blow strongly from the East, and about 8 o'clock in the morning it was found that the vessel had sprunk a leak. The steamer made water fast, and Capt. BARKER decided to put about and run for Hatteras Inlet. About 2 P. M. they reached the inlet, but found so heavy a sea running that no pilot could venture off to board them. Under these circumstances, Capt. BARKER thought it best to run for the Cove, but here the wind was blowing so strongly from the eastward that it was impossible to enter, and they again stood out to sea. The gale continued to increase until it grew into a hurricane, and the vessel labored and strained so much that the leakage was greatly increased. All night the officers and crew worked at the pumps, but the water gained so much that it soon reached the fires. By renewed exertions in pumping and bailing the water was kept down, but finally the fires were extinguished and the pumps gave out. About 8 A. M., on Friday morning, when hope had almost deserted them, a large steamer hove in sight, which proved to be the *Virgo*, from Savannah. Observing the signals of distress, the *Virgo* ran down to the *Alice Riggs* and took her in tow. It was soon found, however, that all efforts to save her would prove useless, and her officers and crew (who were completely exhausted by their protracted labors,) being taken off, she was abandoned.

The *Alice Riggs* was an iron propeller of ninety tons register. She was built in England in 1851, and was intended as a yacht for the Governor of Bermuda. She was soon afterward sold as a blockade-runner, but was captured, and finally purchased by Mr. PETER LORILLARD, of this City, who owned her at the time the disaster occurred. She is said to have been uninsured, and to be worth about $16,000. All the baggage of the officers and crew, with a considerable sum in specie, was saved.

Her officers were Capt. BARKER, Mr. WARREN, mate; Mr. E. WHITTER, chief-engineer, and Mr. HOLLAND, second engineer, making, with her crew, 11 in all.

Meteorological Observations at the Central Park.

Height of ground above the sea, 57 feet; height of instruments above the ground, 21 feet; height of instruments above the sea, 78 feet.

BAROMETER. Observed Heights.

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